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Of The Town Officers

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TOWN OFFICERS

1955

Board of Selectmen

KENNETH C. LATHAM, Chairman	Term Expires	1957
LAWRENCE DREW, Secretary	" "	1956
GILBERT M. LOTHROP	" "	1958

Board of Public Welfare

NEWELL H. MORTON, Chairman	Term Expires	1956
DANIEL L. CHAMBERLAIN, Secretary	" "	1958
DONALD C. McKIE	" "	1957
QUINCY B. PARK, Welfare Agent		
GLADYS M. WILSON, Social Worker		

Bureau of Old Age Assistance

NEWELL H. MORTON, Chairman	Term Expires	1956
DONALD C. McKIE, Secretary	" "	1957
DANIEL L. CHAMBERLAIN	" "	1958
QUINCY B. PARK, Director		
VIRGINIA C. SMITH, Social Worker		

Board of Assessors

HAROLD B. CURRELL, Chairman	Term Expires	1956
RALPH T. HORN, Secretary	" "	1958
WILLIAM T. FAIRCLOUGH	" "	1957

Town Counsel

SAMUEL H. DAVIS

Town Clerk

BOYD H. STEWART

Treasurer

PRESTON F. NICHOLS

Moderator

CHARLES P. HOWARD

Town Accountant

BOYD H. STEWART

Town Collector

WILLIAM E. MORRISON

Personnel Board

HAROLD L. JONES, Chairman
GILBERT M. LOTHROP
WILLIAM F. MURPHY
BOYD H. STEWART, Secretary

Director, Veterans' Service — Veterans' Benefits Agent

CHARLES W. H. SMITH

Board of Public Works

HAROLD D. KILGORE, JR., Chairman	Term Expires	1956
COLEMAN J. DONAHUE, Secretary	" "	1957
DOMENICK ZANNI, JR.	" "	1957
WALTER S. HOPKINS, JR.	" "	1958
KENNETH R. JOHNSON	" "	1957

Board of Health

CHARLES R. BAISLEY, M.D., Chairman	Term Expires	1956
CHRISTINE F. ATKINSON, Secretary	" "	1957
EDWARD M. HALLIGAN, M.D.	" "	1958

Finance Committee

CARL H. AMON, JR., Chairman	Term Expires	1957
LOUIS DAVIS	" "	1957
JOSHUA T. DAY, JR.	" "	1956
WALTER M. FOWLER	" "	1956
ERNEST E. GALLANT	" "	1958
CLEMENT T. GLEASON	" "	1957
JOHN R. KAY	" "	1958
WILLIAM D. MacKINNON	" "	1956
SAMUEL J. MALONE	" "	1958
WILLIAM F. MURPHY	" "	1957
CARL B. PITMAN	" "	1956
CHARLES STRATTON	" "	1957
EMERSON A. WILLARD	" "	1958
GEORGE E. MILLNER	" "	1956
FREDERICK F. STEVENSON	" "	1958
BOYD H. STEWART, Clerk		

School Committee

PHILIP R. WHITE, Chairman	Term Expires	1956
ROBERT F. PERRY, Secretary		
NEWELL H. MORTON	" "	1956
ROBERT E. TURNER	" "	1957
WILLIAM E. BURPEE	" "	1957
PAUL R. BERGHOLTZ	" "	1958
BARBARA WINKLER	" "	1958

School Physician

HERBERT LAND, M.D.

Superintendent of Schools

ROBERT F. PERRY

Attendance Officer

ROBERT A. GRUNDY

School Nurse

MARGARET B. CLEWLEY

Municipal Light Board

ALFRED H. DOLBEN, Chairman	Term Expires	1957
PHILLIP G. WILLCOX	" "	1956
WINFRED F. SPURR	" "	1958

Board of Registrars

ROBERT S. RALSTON, Chairman	Term Expires	1956
JOHN J. WALSH	" "	1958
LOUIS BACIGALUPO	" "	1957
BOYD H. STEWART, Clerk		

Board of Cemetery Trustees

EDOUARD N. DUBE, Chairman	Term Expires	1957
M. RUSSELL MEIKLE, Secretary	" "	1956
ERNEST E. BROWN	" "	1957
WILLIAM P. PIERPONT	" "	1958
STANLEY F. MAXWELL	" "	1956
LAWRENCE A. PARTELOW	" "	1956

Planning Board

ROBERT G. CLINCH, Chairman	Term Expires	1958
W. FRANKLIN BURNHAM, JR., Secretary	" "	1958
BENJAMIN M. HARTSHORN, Jr.	" "	1956
A. ERNEST CORINDIA	" "	1956
WILLIAM D. SOMMERS	" "	1957

Board of Library Trustees

SYDNEY M. HODSON, Chairman	Term Expires	1958
H. IRENE LATHAM, Secretary	" "	1956
NEIL C. ROBINSON	" "	1956
KATHERINE C. PIERCE	" "	1957
ROBERT E. STEWART	" "	1957
C. NELSON BISHOP	" "	1958

Commissioners of Trust Funds

JOSEPH B. IVERSON, Chairman	Term Expires	1957
H. RAYMOND JOHNSON	" "	1961
ERNEST S. JOHNSON	" "	1959

Town Treasurer and Chairman of Selectmen members ex-officiis

Board of Appeal

GERALD FOSBROKE, Chairman	Term Expires	1957
LAWRENCE A. INGHAM, Secretary	" "	1956
ERNEST L. NIGRO	" "	1958

Associate Members Board of Appeal

RUSSELL L. MILLER	Term Expires	1956
*FORREST D. COOK	" "	1957
*QUINCY A. LOTHROP, III	" "	1958
§PHILIP R. WHITE, JR.		

Sealer of Weights and Measures

CARL M. SMITH

Inspector of Milk and Foods

CARL M. SMITH

*Resigned

§Appointed

Inspector of Plumbing

KENNETH G. SHAW

Inspector of Animals

GARDINER A. LESTER, D.V.M.

Inspector of Buildings

HAROLD B. CURRELL

Game Warden

JAMES T. PUTNAM

Superintendent of Moth Work

MAURICE H. DONEGAN

Dog Officer

WILLIAM H. DEWSNAP

Tree Warden

MAURICE H. DONEGAN

Custodian of Soldiers' and Sailor' Graves

HAROLD F. DAVIS

Forest WARDEN

CHIEF HUGH L. EAMES

Deputy Forest Wardens

DEPUTY CHIEF JAMES S. PERRY

CAPT. HERBERT L. ROBERTSON

LIEUT. GEORGE W. GOODRIDGE

LIEUT. DONALD C. MITCHELL

MAURICE H. DONEGAN

JOHN A. SPURR

JAMES T. PUTNAM

Constables

WILLIAM H. DEWSNAP

ARTHUR L. HARRIS

Insurance Committee

Consists of Board of Selectmen, Town Treasurer, and Chairman of Finance Committee

Contributory Retirement Board

DONALD C. MITCHELL, Chairman

BOYD H. STEWART, Secretary

ARTHUR C. ALDRICH

Law Committee

Consists of Chairmen of the following Boards:

Board of Selectmen

Board of Assessors

Board of Health

Board of Public Welfare

School Committee

Board of Public Works

Municipal Light Board

Police Department

ROLAND E. ELLIS, Chief

Sergeants

THOMAS J. FITZPATRICK

WILLIAM H. FAULKNER

EDWARD M. HUBBARD

JOHN F. BEAUDOIN

Patrolmen

FRANK R. FISHER

WINFRED A. MacDONALD, JR.

HAROLD W. O'BRIEN

WILLIAM J. WEBB, JR.

JOSEPH M. GREENE
 PATRICK J. PANTANO
 WILLIAM H. DEWSNAP
 JAMES E. HOWARD
 FREDERICK J. KEEFE
 JAMES L. POWER
 ROLAND E. ELLIS, JR.

JOHN A. BILICKI
 PHILIP N. CAIL
 HERBERT G. PERRY
 JOSEPH W. CORMIER
 EVAN P. EDWARDS
 FRED GRANELLI, JR.
 ROBERT P. JONES

J. ROBERT CLARK, Clerk

Special Police Officers

ELMER E. YOUNG	Senior High School
WILLIAM J. BROUSSARD	Senior High School
DANIEL J. WHITE	Senior High School
VINCENT SERRENTINO	Senior High School
STUART R. NICHOLS	Senior High School
FRED REISSLE	Junior High School
ANDREW J. LOMAX	Junior High School
FRED GIBSON	Junior High School
ROBERT A. VARS	Joshua Eaton School
HENRY GROMYKO	Joshua Eaton School
WILLIAM A. LLOYD	Lowell Street School
DANIEL J. BUCKLEY	Highland School
EDWARD F. HARRISON	Pearl Street School
ROY J. BROGAN	Pearl Street School
RALPH PLOUFF	Methodist Church
QUINCY B. PARK	Centre School Building, Welfare Dept.
HENRY O. BALLOU	Municipal Bldg., Masonic Bldg., Sanborn Apts.
EDWARD TEER	Library
ALEXANDER SMYTHE	Odd Fellows Building
WILLIAM G. HENDERSON	Middlesex County National Bank
JAMES T. PUTNAM	Reading Rifle and Revolver Club, Public Works
JOHN H. VANDENBERG	Reading Rifle and Revolver Club
DONALD E. FLORENCE	Reading Rifle and Revolver Club
WILLIAM H. MILLER	Public Works
JOHN D. LOUANIS	Water and Sewer Pumping Station, Town Forest
ARTHUR G. REES	Victory House
ROBERT P. SMITH	Victory House
HARRY A. TURNER	Baptist Church
RALPH E. WILSON	V.F.W. Quarters
J. ROBERT CLARK	Police Station
DUNCAN STANLEY	Police Station
HAROLD F. DAVIS	Cemeteries
HUGH L. EAMES	Fire Department
JAMES H. MADDEN	St. Agnes Church
HORACE A. AUSTIN	School Traffic Control
JOHN R. O'BRIEN	School Traffic Control
WILLIAM E. FLAHERTY	School Traffic Control
FRANK E. EPOLITE	School Traffic Control
LEONARD MERULLO	Town Skating Areas

Fire Department

Permanent Firemen

Chief, HUGH L. EAMES

Deputy Chief, JAMES S. PERRY

Captain, HERBERT L. ROBERTSON	ROBERT H. THOMAS
Lieutenant, GEORGE W. GOODRIDGE	RICHARD D. BROWN
Lieutenant, DONALD C. MITCHELL	ROBERT W. PRATT
CLIFFORD E. LITCHFIELD	LESLIE L. HADLEY
LESLIE C. HADLEY	HERBERT J. HUTCHINSON
ROBERT W. SHANNON	RUSSELL E. CARTER
ELMER A. DYKENS, JR.	GERALD W. HUMPHREY
‡GEORGE F. FOGG	ELMER W. MOORE
WILLIAM R. VAN HORN	THEODORE W. TURNER, JR.

Call Firemen

JOSEPH ARSENAULT	ROBERT M. GRAHAM
HENRY O. BALLOU	EARL W. HOBART
*ROBERT L. BALLOU	IVAR F. JOHNSON
DANIEL J. BUCKLEY	§RALPH E. NICKERSON
EVERETT G. CARROLL	HERMAN L. RIESSLE
THEODORE J. DE BRUYN	GEORGE G. ROGERS
MYLES A. DENNO	F. LIONEL SPRINGFORD
JOHN F. ENOS	JOHN A. SPURR
DE MELLE G. GAREY	ERNEST R. WATSON
JAMES R. GAW	Dispatcher, ALBERT R. MAINES

Superintendent of Fire Alarm

HUGH L. EAMES

Inspector of Wires

‡GEORGE F. FOGG

§JAMES F. O'DOWD

Measurers of Lumber

HAROLD B. CURRELL	FRED F. SMITH
MAURICE H. DONEGAN	

Measurers of Wood and Bark

MAURICE H. DONEGAN	HAROLD B. CURRELL
THOMAS E. BROGAN	

‡Retired

*Resigned

§Appointed

Weighers of Coal and Hay

THOMAS E. BROGAN	MABEL L. MacKAY
BERTHA L. MacLELLAN	MOLLIE A. SWEETSER
WENDELL B. NEWELL	D. GEORGE GAW

Field Drivers

ERNEST T. WAKEFIELD	JAMES T. PUTNAM
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Fence Viewers

WENDELL B. NEWELL	WARREN F. CHARLES
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Committee on Elm Tree Protection

MAURICE H. DONEGAN	JOHN F. SAWYER
MARION V. HARRINGTON	

Committee on Town Forests

MAURICE H. DONEGAN	JAMES T. PUTNAM
HUGH L. EAMES	

Capital Expenditures Planning Committee

LAWRENCE A. CATE, Chairman	JOHN B. HARKER
STANLEY F. MAXWELL, Secretary	A. ERNEST CORINDIA
ERNEST E. GALLANT	BENJAMIN M. HARTSHORN, JR.

Recreation Committee

ROBERT E. TURNER, Chairman	LAWRENCE DREW
C. SUMNER TEEL, Secretary	RICHARD GALE
ALBERT CHISHOLM	NEWELL H. MORTON
H. LEE DONLEY	WILLIAM H. WILLSON, JR.
DOMENICK ZANNI	

Salvage Committee

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

STATISTICS

Area, 10 square miles

Population, census of 1955, 16,440

Registered Voters: Precinct No. 1, 3,961; Precinct No. 2, 4,496; Precinct
No. 3, 3,300; Precinct No. 4, 4,683

Eighth Congressional District

Sixth Councillor District

Seventh Middlesex Senatorial District

Eighteenth Middlesex Representative District

Fourth District Court of Eastern Middlesex held in Woburn

Representatives in Congress, 8th District, Torbert H. MacDonald, Malden

Councillor 6th District, M. Edward Viola, Arlington

Senator 7th Middlesex District, George J. Evans, Wakefield

Representatives 18th Middlesex District, Frank D. Tanner, Reading, and
Charles E. Wilkinson, Reading

TOWN OF READING

List of Jurors for 1955-1956

Prepared by the Board of Selectmen

Name	Residence	Business or Occupation
Alonzo, William,	12 Beverly Rd.	Technician
Anderson, Ralph W.,	532 West St.	Supervisor
Arthur, Paul W.,	37 Winslow Rd.	Underwriter
Bacigalupo, Mary B.,	19 Woburn St.	Housewife
Bagocius, Frank J.,	163 County Rd.	Millhand
Bailey, Bernard C.,	71 Woburn St.	Clerk
Baker, Arnold R.,	245 Pearl St.	Carpenter
Barnes, David H.,	89 Ash St.	Maint. Electrician
Barnes, Gordon E.,	19 Lawrence Rd.	Electrician
Bartosch, William J.,	57 Cross St.	Supervisor
Basner, Frederick W.,	82 Forest St.	Bank Clerk
Bateman, Squire W.,	203 Wakefield St.	Purchasing Agent
Batty, Charles A.,	113 Haverhill St.	Retired
Beaudry, George B.,	36 Pearl St.	Inspector of Machine Parts
Bergholtz, Marjorie R.,	45 Middlesex Ave.	Housewife
Bigelow, Kenneth A.,	14 D St.	Locomotive Fireman
Blandy, William H.,	87 Scotland Rd.	Tel. Engineer
Blunt, George R.,	33 King St.	Clerk
Bogan, James F.,	83 Grand St.	Auditor
Bonnet, Henry P.,	3 Beech St.	Civil Engineer
Buck, Ralph L.,	148 Woburn St.	Service Insp.
Burley, Albert M.,	219 Pearl St.	Transportation
Burns, Gertrude E.,	253 South St.	Secretary
Burns, Robert W.,	457 Franklin St.	Salesman
Chandler Clarence I.,	412 South St.	Lab. Tech.
Chase, Robert P.,	18 Fairview Ave.	News Dealer
Clough, Philip J.,	16 Gardner Rd.	Physical Chemist
Cogger, Harold W.,	23 Meadow Brook Lane	Salesman
Collins, John J.,	23 Howard St.	President
Congdon, James U.,	32 Hampshire Rd.	Mfg. Chemist
Connelly, John C.,	1 Coolidge Rd.	Retired
Coolidge, Frank O.,	64 Village St.	Clerk
Corke, Harold J.,	12 Nichols Rd.	Ins. Manager
Cotreau, Delmar D.,	35 Pierce St.	Salesman
Cutler, Chester T.,	218 West St.	Salesman
Cyr, Arthur W.,	7 Perkins Ave.	Salesman
Daley, Russell,	16 Winter St.	Foreman
Dalton, George W.,	97 Summer Ave.	Vault Erector
Danforth, Everett D.,	16 Shackford Rd.	Real Estate & Ins. Broker
Day, Robert F.,	368 Franklin St.	Plant Manager
Dean, Warren M.,	15 Pennsylvania Ave.	Sales Representative
Degel, Ernest T.,	16 West Hill Circle	Comm. Artist
DePatie, Ronald D.,	629 Pearl St.	Machinist
Dinan, Edward J.,	7 George St.	Salesman
Dow, John A.,	30 Priscilla Rd.	Mech. Eng.
Dubois, Ernest J.,	9 Tennyson Rd.	Electrical Engineer
Dugan, George R.,	145 Washington St.	Milk Salesman
Durland, Robert A.,	4 Tennyson Rd.	Savings Banker
Eastman, Arthur B.,	5 Wells Rd.	Bank Clerk
Eastman, Earle A.,	22 Waverly Rd.	Retired
Eaton, Roger P.,	2 Echo Ave.	Bank Teller
Ellison, Guy W., Jr.	92 Grand St.	Foreman
Evans, Richard C.,	43 Springvale Rd.	Assistant Underwriter
Faller, Rudolph W.,	22 Smith Ave.	Electrical Designer

Fay, George L., 15 Lewis St.	Truck Driver
Fillmore, Edward C., 125 Main St.	Spreader
Ford, Richard H., 24 Vale Rd.	Salesman
Fowlow, Edwin W., 33 Woodland St.	Salesman
Frazier, John L., 103 Green St.	Supervisor
Freese, John B., Jr., 31 Selfridge Rd.	Accountant
Furber, Elbridge N., 4 County Rd.	Photostat Operator
Gadbois, Albert D., 8 Maple St.	Shipper
Galvin, Thomas F., 20 Fairmount Rd.	Construction Supt.
Gardner, Walter L., 9 Essex St.	Business Agent
George, Peter L., 279 Haven St.	Can Assembler
Glines, Walter C., Jr., 226 Charles St.	Auto Salesman
Gomes, John, 21 Harvard St.	Draftsman
Gould, Harry V., Jr., 15 Fremont St.	Appraiser
Halligan, Edward B., 34 John Carver Rd.	Insurance Salesman
Halloran, Martin J., Jr., 22 Prescott St.	Bank Clerk
Hanson, Clarence F., 22 Middlesex Ave.	Retired
Harding, Robert F., 152 Oak St.	Insurance
Hatch, William H., 29 Gardner Rd.	Retired
Higden, Albert L., 251 Walnut St.	Salesman
Higgins, Thomas R., 42 Hancock St.	Truck Driver
Hinckley, Hazel S., 256 Lowell St.	Housewife
Hobart, Earl W., 182 Main St.	Proprietor
Hodges, Samuel H., 10 California Rd.	Broker in Hides
Hodgkins, Otis P., 13 Hanscom Ave.	Cashier and Bookkeeper
Jewett, Edith R., 246 Ash St.	Organist
Jollymore, Leslie, 269 West St.	Machinist
Kimball, Francis, 269 West St.	Florist
Kittredge, Guy L., Jr., 89 Wakefield St.	Engineer
Kyle, John W., 30 Whittier Rd.	Composer
Landry, John L., 13 Parker St.	Steel Worker
Leary, Phillip, 39 Hillside Rd.	Purch. Agent
Leighton, Robert P., 220 Charles St.	Engineer
Libby, Henry T., 3 Evergreen Rd.	Laboratory Technician
Lincoln, Elmer B., 46 Glenmere Circle	Asst. Manager
Lloyd, Francis, 139 Woburn St.	Purchasing Agent
Loring, J. Alden, 96 South St.	Salesman
MacKenzie, Archibald A., 51 Hartshorn St.	Salesman
Maddock, Samuel B., 26 John Carver Rd.	Poultry Salesman
Marr, George F., 4 Kingston St.	Manager
Marshall, Frank C., 48 Mill St.	Maintenance Man
Marston, Woodbury S., 71 Cross St.	Electrician
Martin, Earle D., 21 Copeland Ave.	C. P. A.
Mason, Joseph F., 1 Condor Rd.	Steel Temperer
Maxwell, John I., 18 Belmont St.	Bookkeeper
McCleery, Dorothy, 21 Colburn Rd.	Bank Teller
McDonald, Howard A., 17 Springvale Rd.	Optician
McGrath, Edmund R., 63 Whittier Rd.	Sales Manager
McHugh, John T., 80 John Carver Rd.	Manager
McNair, William J., 25 Vista Ave.	Superintendent
Merchant, Harry A., Jr., 62 Scotland Rd.	Supervisor
Meuse, Theresa M., 41 Winter St.	Clerk
Mick, Eben W., 1 Weston Rd.	Sheet Metal Supt.
Milley, Eldon B., 9 Swan Rd.	Factory Worker
Milton, Harriet L., 7 Chute St.	Clerk
Mitchell, William B., 80 Washington St.	Salesman
Moller, Edwin, 75 Glenmere Circle	Retired
Moore, Clyde A., 31 Curtis St.	Iron Worker
Mulhinch, Andrew, 48 Bear Hill Rd.	Traffic Mgr.
Mullen, Calvert W., 336 Haven St.	Diner Prop.
Mumley, Reginald E., 13 High St.	Maint. Welder
Murphy, George V., 22 Winter St.	Auditor
Murphy, Henry A., Sr., 57 Highland St.	Clerk

Nelson, Anna M., 12 Lothrop Rd.
 Newman, James E., 14 Plymouth Rd.
 Nichols, C. Harold, 76 Orange St.
 Nicholson, Marvin E., 154 Charles St.
 Nordberg, Nils L., 753 Main St.
 Norton, Nelson J., 19 Percy Ave.
 Packard, Dana L., 101 Lowell St.
 Painting, Mary A., 14 Fairview Ave.
 Parkman, Laress T., 63 Locust St.
 Paul, Gordon D., 69 Scotland Rd.
 Paul, Theodore L., 83 Cross St.
 Penney, William C., 55 Bear Hill Rd.
 Peoples, Robert R., 241 Charles St.
 Pinkham, Carl W., Jr., 33 Barrows Rd.
 Pitman, Harold I., 144 Haverhill St.
 Porter, Henry Y., 276 Summer Ave.
 Powers, Walter C., 2 Whittier Rd.
 Priestly, Harland R., 18 Wenda St.
 Richards, John F., 42 Chestnut Rd.
 Roberts, Harland M., Jr., 260 Haven St.
 Rogers, Hattie N., 119 Salem St.
 Rogers, William P., 33 County Rd.
 Romano, Ferdinand J., 54 Linden St.
 Rousseau, William C., 4 Laneton Way
 Rowe, Ernest Y., 419 Haverhill St.
 Rowell, Walter L., 202 Bancroft Ave.
 Sampson, Donald K., 12 Priscilla Rd.
 Sargent, Grace E., 54 Lothrop Rd.
 Sawin, George W., 51 Walnut St.
 Schemack, William J., 71 Harrison St.
 Schmidt, Ernest J., 23 Berkeley St.
 Scott, Daniel J., Jr., 8 Ide St.
 Searle, Donald P., 26 Harrison St.
 Selfridge, John E., 88 Colburn Rd.
 Shoecraft, Charles W., 52 Hartshorn St.
 Sias, Ralph G., 40 Federal St.
 Smith, Carl Dewey, 110 Grove St.
 Smith, Herbert R., 20 Glen Rd.
 Smith, Raymond L., 9 Parker St.
 Steele, Robert P., 56 Glenmere Circle
 Stevens, Ralph E., 160 Howard St.
 Storey, Robert I., 89 County Rd.
 Sturges, Eric R., 66 Winthrop Ave.
 Surette, Paul E., 46 Washington St.
 Sutherland, Edward, 80 Bancroft Ave.
 Sweetser, Allen A., 11 Oak Ridge Rd.
 Tarbox, Robert W., 56 Prospect St.
 Taylor, James E., 2 Gilmore Ave.
 Thomas, Albert C., 831 Main St.
 Trainor, Edward F., 26 Beacon St.
 Viall, Jennie L., 175 Bancroft Ave.
 Warnock, Everett F., 60 Forest St.
 Whalen, John J., 24 Chestnut Rd.
 Winkler, Richard C., 53 Glenmere Circle

Housewife
 Bank Clerk
 Engineer
 Cabinet Maker
 Proprietor
 Salesman
 Medical Rep.
 At Home
 Sales Eng.
 Accountant
 Retired
 Auto Dealer
 Chemical Engineer
 Engineer
 Wholesaler
 Accountant
 Test Leader
 Elect. Eng.
 Supervisor
 Telegraph Operator
 Housewife
 Steam Engineer
 Meat Cutter
 Chem. Eng.
 Manager
 Clerk
 Engineer
 Housewife-Clerk
 Div. Mgr.
 Retired
 Purchasing Agent
 Engineer
 Sales Engineer
 Builder
 Sales Manager
 Personnel Assistant
 Insurance
 Insurance Underwriter
 Assembly Foreman
 Production Supervisor
 Superintendent
 Elect. Repairman
 Banker
 Florist
 Branch Manager
 Field Supervisor
 Television Tech.
 Manufacturer
 P. O. Clerk
 Superintendent
 Housewife
 Foundry Foreman
 Truck Driver
 Plant Manager

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION

Security Hall

March 7, 1955

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant and the Constable's Return thereon, a Town Election was held at the time and place specified in the Warrant.

In the absence of the Moderator, the Town Clerk, Boyd H. Stewart, called the meeting to order at 7:00 A.M. and asked for nominations for a moderator to act at this meeting.

James E. Calvin moved that Samuel H. Davis be named Moderator to act at this meeting.

On motion of James E. Calvin it was voted that the nominations be closed.

On motion of James E. Calvin it was voted that the Town Clerk be instructed to cast one ballot for Samuel H. Davis for Moderator to act at this meeting.

The Town Clerk then cast one ballot for Mr. Davis to act as temporary Moderator, and declared him elected.

The warrant was partially read by the Town Clerk, when on motion of James E. Calvin, it was voted to dispense with the further reading of the warrant except the Constable's Return, which was then read by the Town Clerk.

The ballot boxes were examined by the Constable in charge and each found to be empty, and all registered 000.

The polls were declared open by Samuel H. Davis, with the following results.

	Prec. 1	Prec. 2	Prec. 3	Prec. 4	Total
Moderator for one year					
Charles P. Howard	615	889	712	928	3144
Blanks	100	136	86	108	430
Totals	715	1025	798	1036	3574
Town Clerk for one year					
Boyd H. Stewart	636	911	724	932	3203
Blanks	79	114	74	104	371
Totals	715	1025	798	1036	3574
Selectman for 3 years					
Stanley H. Beaman	299	482	297	384	1462
Gilbert M. Lothrop	401	516	489	625	2031
Blanks	15	27	12	27	81
Totals	715	1025	798	1036	3574
Board Public Welfare (3 years)					
Daniel L. Chamberlain	627	898	700	914	3139
Blanks	88	127	98	122	435
Totals	715	1025	798	1036	3574

Assessor for 3 years

Ralph T. Horn	596	862	689	887	3034
Blanks	119	163	109	149	540

Totals	715	1025	798	1036	3574
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One Assessor for 2 years

Gordon A. Chase	209	213	171	257	850
William T. Fairclough	274	498	437	542	1751
Robert A. Grundy	158	216	126	157	657
Blanks	74	98	64	80	316

Totals	715	1025	798	1036	3574
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Treasurer for one year

Preston F. Nichols	644	903	716	931	3194
Blanks	71	122	82	105	380

Totals	715	1025	798	1036	3574
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Tax Collector for 3 years

William E. Morrison	636	912	725	942	3215
Blanks	79	113	73	94	359

Totals	715	1025	798	1036	3574
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One for Municipal Light Board (3 years)

George A. Luther	267	274	263	475	1279
Winfred F. Spurr	370	660	481	465	1976
Blanks	78	91	54	96	319

Totals	715	1025	798	1036	3574
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Municipal Light Board (1 year)

Phillip G. Willcox	595	862	675	865	2997
Blanks	120	163	123	171	577

Totals	715	1025	798	1036	3574
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Two Constables for one year

Arthur L. Harris	267	530	399	419	1615
John F. Beaudoin	296	296	205	284	1081
William H. Dewsnap	283	427	359	506	1575
Roland E. Ellis, Jr.	242	415	306	413	1376
James F. Galvin	156	158	153	210	677
Blanks	186	224	174	240	824

Totals	1430	2050	1596	2072	7148
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Two for Board of Public Works (3 years)

Walter S. Hopkins, Jr.	482	801	642	760	2685
Kenneth R. Johnson	403	716	531	592	2242
George M. McSheehy	357	331	275	493	1456
Blanks	188	202	148	227	765

Totals	1430	2050	1596	2072	7148
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Board of Health (3 yrs.)

Edward M. Halligan	638	900	707	933	3178
Blanks	77	125	91	103	396
Totals	715	1025	798	1036	3574

Two for School Committee (3 years)

H. Nelson Bates	250	249	199	300	998
Paul R. Bergholtz	260	513	446	471	1690
Frank M. Elwell, Jr.	103	165	85	119	472
Richard Jackson	266	469	373	471	1579
Barbara E. Winkler	384	455	373	537	1749
Blanks	167	199	120	174	660
Totals	1430	2050	1596	2072	7148

Library Trustees (3 years)

Sydney M. Hodson	626	885	707	924	3142
C. Nelson Bishop	599	860	680	901	3040
Blanks	205	305	209	247	966
Totals	1430	2050	1596	2072	7148

Library Trustee (2 years)

Robert E. Stewart	625	877	695	906	3103
Blanks	90	148	103	130	471
Totals	715	1025	798	1036	3574

Two Cemetery Trustees (3 years)

Fred L. Nutter	575	843	674	884	2976
William P. Pierpont	600	849	678	886	3013
Blanks	255	358	244	302	1159
Totals	1430	2050	1596	2072	7148

Two for Planning Board (3 years)

Robert G. Clinch	347	559	475	518	1899
Edward W. Batten	335	464	333	399	1531
Lester W. Bowen	176	196	135	299	806
W. Franklin Burnham, Jr.	365	596	463	579	2003
Blanks	207	235	190	277	909
Totals	1430	2050	1596	2072	7148

Planning Board (2 years)

William D. Sommers	578	829	641	842	2890
Blanks	137	196	157	194	684
Totals	715	1025	798	1036	3574

Precinct 1

Fifteen Town Meeting Members for three years

Robert L. Ballou, 30 John St.	510
Clarrissa P. Blake, 165 Main St.	487
Robert B. Carlson, 34 Wakefield St.	521
Robert E. Chapman, 521 Summer Ave.	489
Clinton A. Duff, 5 Fairmount Rd.	489
George R. Dunn, 260 Haven St.	450
Dwight J. Dwinell, 16 Manning St.	497
Louise B. Jenkins, 161 Salem St.	512
Harold J. McSheehy, 36 Winter St.	479
Charles I. Nesmith, 293 Haverhill St.	493
Lewis R. Pierce, 13 Elliott St.	510
Harold M. Rogers, 119 Salem St.	516
Ernest C. Metcalf, 142 Salem St.	513
Harold W. O'Brien, 99 Salem St.	508
Frank B. Welin, 43 Harrison St.	434
Armand F. Wood, 5 Brook St.	385
Blanks	2932
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Total	10725

Two Town Meeting Members for one year

Frederick J. Emerson, 43 Salem St.	432
Frances Green, 17 Avon St.	273
George F. Harrow, 9 Kenneth Rd.	239
Patrick J. Pantano, 46 Pleasant St.	250
Blanks	236
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Total	1430

Precinct 2

Fifteen Town Meeting Members for three years

Irving C. Austin, 180 Prescott St.	748
Merton C. Barstow, 77 Howard St.	619
William H. Blandy, 87 Scotland Rd.	660
Edward A. Brown, 28 Oak St.	664
Robert G. Clinch, 4 Perkins Ave.	573
Herbert G. Evans, 54 Howard St.	629
DeMelle G. Garey, 15 Hopkins St.	576
Sara G. Harnden, 311 Summer Ave.	600
W. Kenneth Holbrook, 276 Woburn St.	683
Kenneth G. Hulsman, 284 Woburn St.	614
Arthur T. Koenig, Jr., 3 Perkins Ave.	728
Lawrence A. Partelow, 17 Pine Ridge Rd.	628
Rudolf Sussmann, 187 West St.	635
C. Sumner Teel, 113 Walnut St.	634
Marion B. Temple, 32 Hillcrest Rd.	623
Gilbert F. Bulley, 250 South St.	299
Edward M. Hubbard, 7 Gould St.	373

Kenneth R. Johnson, 94 Oak St.	586
Bayard R. Lincoln, 13 West Hill Circle	331
Elmer B. Lincoln, 46 Glenmere Circle	379
John A. Maxim, 45 Pratt St.	434
Blanks	3359
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Total	15375

One Town Meeting Member for one year

Stephen H. Dodd, 16 Orchard Park Drive	144
John B. Harker, 35 Walnut St.	128
Wendell H. Packard, 85 Pine Ridge Rd.	213
Ann M. Sampson, 32 Wescroft Rd.	180
William M. Warren, 149 alnut St.	199
Blanks	161
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Total	1025

One Town Meeting Member for two years

Robert A. Grundy, 25 Lewis St.	227
Fred C. Kenney, Jr., 39 County Rd.	254
Phillip G. Willcox, 20 Copeland Ave.	396
Blanks	148
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Total	1025

Precinct 3

Fifteen Town Meeting Members for three years

Clifford W. Baker, 169 Summer Ave.	602
William A. Connelly, 129 High St.	518
Melvin S. Crosby, 50 Middlesex Ave.	605
William H. Dolben, Jr., 30 Bond St.	617
Clement T. Gleason, 53 Prescott St.	590
Ralph T. Horn, 46 Grand St.	599
Philip E. Mason, 127 Prospect St.	618
Albion E. Metcalf, 16 Longview Rd.	630
Harley C. Nelson, 60 Bancroft Ave.	572
Harold F. Parker, 186 Summer Ave.	585
Ernest D. Richmond, Jr., 24 Longview Rd.	560
Philip R. White, 189 Summer Ave.	605
Oliver G. Brown, 9 Grand St.	483
Edward L. Cornwall, 10 Pilgrim Rd.	348
Paul Mich, 17 Glen Rd.	511
Paul J. Murphy, 166 Woburn St.	242
Amy T. Oliver, 89 Grand Street	452
William L. Standford, 374 Lowell St.	350
Francis G. Wall, 386 Lowell St.	319
Blanks	2164
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Total	11970

One Town Meeting Member for one year

Edmund M. Collins, 75 Deering St.	448
William P. McDonnell, 65 Berkeley St.	209
Blanks	141
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Total	798

Precinct 4**Fifteen Town Meeting Members for three years**

Florence L. Burnham, 89 Highland St.	769
Sydney L. Curry, 405 Lowell St.	680
Robert A. Curtis, 186 Bancroft Ave.	727
Walter F. Cutcliffe, 50 Locust St.	775
Ernest E. Gallant, 48 Hanscom Ave.	812
Richard Jackson, 40 Sanborn St.	730
Leonard M. Jones, 24 Willard Rd.	699
Benjamin Knudson, Jr., 60 Hanscom Ave.	740
George R. Larson, 16 Meadow Brook Lane	755
William J. Richmond, 115 Franklin St.	723
E. Whitcomb Woodward, 60 Highland St.	772
Gilbert C. Adams, 83 Locust St.	659
Edwin H. Bjorkman, 66 John Carver Rd.	493
Annie B. Emslie, 252 Charles St.	526
Hermann Laudani, 87 Franklin St.	371
Frank C. Sawyer, 607 Pearl St.	677
C. Dewey Smith, 110 Grove St.	613
Carl V. Wells, 9 Hanscom Ave.	673
Blanks	3346
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Total	15540

Two Town Meeting Members for one year

Wayne D. Bartlett, 23 Willard Rd.	661
James E. Howard, 71 Grove St.	737
Edgar R. Louanis, 34 Winthrop Ave.	285
Blanks	389
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Total	2072

The polls were closed at 8 P.M. with the following results:

Whole number of votes cast — 3574.

The votes were declared in Open Town Meeting, sealed in ballot envelopes and transmitted to the Constable to be placed in the vault for safe keeping.

Voted to adjourn sine die, 1:30 A.M. March 8, 1955.

A true record. Attest:

BOYD H. STEWART, Town Clerk

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

New High School Auditorium

March 21, 1955

In the absence of the Moderator, the Town Clerk, Boyd H. Stewart, called the meeting to order at 8:00 P.M. and asked for nominations for a temporary moderator to act at this meeting.

Kenneth C. Latham moved that Samuel H. Davis be elected to act as temporary moderator at this meeting.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the nominations be closed.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the Town Clerk be instructed to cast one ballot for Samuel H. Davis for Moderator to act at this meeting.

The Town Clerk then cast one ballot for Mr. Davis to act as temporary Moderator and declared him elected. Mr. Davis was then sworn in, by the town clerk, as temporary Moderator.

The new Town Meeting Members were asked to stand and be sworn to office by the Moderator.

The warrant was partially read by the Town Clerk when on motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted to dispense with the further reading of the warrant except the Constable's Return, which was then read by the Town Clerk.

ARTICLE 2. The following report was read by Robert G. Clinch.

The Planning Board respectfully reports progress in their assigned task of revising the Building Code for the Town of Reading. The Board believes that a final draft will be submitted to the Town Meeting at the regular meeting in March 1956.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the report be accepted as a report of progress and placed on file.

ARTICLE 2. The following report was read by William H. Blandy.

Report of Committee Appointed to Consider the Name of the New High School

The Committee reviewed the matter of a suitable memorial for the veterans of all wars and considered two proposals:

1. That the new high school building be named the Reading Memorial High School.
2. That the auditorium in the new high school be dedicated to this purpose and named "Memorial Auditorium".

On a motion duly made and seconded the majority of the Committee voted to adopt proposal number 1, namely that the building be named the Reading Memorial High School. The Committee feel that the provision of the memorial be a matter for the town with all expenses necessary for the establishment of this memorial to come from the tax levy or other available funds. And further if this report

is accepted that a committee consisting of members of the School Committee and the Veterans Organizations work out the necessary details to provide for such memorial.

IRVING C. AUSTIN
C. NELSON BISHOP
FRED A. NYBERG
ROBERT E. TURNER
MRS. BARBARA SUMNER
RALPH E. WILSON
WILLIAM H. BLANDY, Chairman

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that report be accepted and placed on file.

ARTICLE 2. The following report was ready by Harold L. Jones.

**Report of the Personnel Board, to the 1955
Annual Town Meeting, on Vacations and Sick Leave**

The general vacation policy in Reading is based on Section 111 of the General Laws Chapter 41, which is the only law relative to vacation now in effect in the Town. This applies directly only to Laborers, Mechanics or Craftsmen, but the rest of the Town Employees receive the same vacation allowances of two weeks except for Librarians, who, by custom receive three weeks.

Many towns seem to have liberalized their vacation allowance to three weeks after certain periods of service. Comparatively few Towns seem to have accepted Section 111g which provides for three weeks after five years service and four weeks after ten years service.

The sick leave policy seems to be completely informal in many Towns as it is in Reading where each Department makes its own policy as need arises. In Towns where a formal policy is indicated no completely consistent pattern seems evident.

Our Town Counsel has ruled that the enabling Legislation under which our Wage and Salary plan was established does not include the right to regulate vacations or Sick leave for Town Employees and that we could not legally include them in our regulations. In view of this and the salary increases proposed this year the Personnel Board recommends that no action be taken at the present time.

We do feel that some liberalization of the Vacation allowance is indicated for the near future although we would not be in favor of accepting Section 111g. We also believe that some means of formalizing a uniform Sick leave policy for the Town is desirable. Further research on both problems is recommended.

(Signed)

JAMES E. CALVIN
WILLIAM F. MURPHY
HAROLD L. JONES, Chairman

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that report be accepted and placed on file.

ARTICLE 2. The following report was read by Frank J. Zeo.

A Report on the Problem of Additional Schoolhouse Facilities
(in book form)
attached herewith

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted to accept report with thanks and place on file.

ARTICLE 2. The following report was read by William H. Dolben, Chairman.

Report of the Birch Meadow Study Committee
(in book form)
attached herewith

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that report be accepted with thanks and placed on file.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted to place Article 2 on the table.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted to take up Article 3.

ARTICLE 3. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the Board of Selectmen be and they hereby are instructed to lease upon such terms and conditions as they may determine quarters for the use of a unit of the State Militia, provided there is available space in any municipally owned building.

ARTICLE 3. On motion of Frank C. Sawyer it was voted that there be and hereby is established a Special Committee composed of eight members for the purpose of making a comprehensive study of the fluoridation of the Town of Reading public water supply, for the reduction of tooth decay; such Committee to consist of one member from the Board of Public Works, one from the Board of Health, one from the School Committee, one from the Finance Committee, such members to be appointed by their respective Boards and Committees, and four Town Meeting Members at large to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen, one from each precinct, such Committee to report at a subsequent Town Meeting to be held not later than the Annual Town Meeting of March 1956.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted to place Article 3 on the table.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted to take up Article 24.

ARTICLE 24. On motion of Harold L. Jones it was voted that the Schedule of Minimum and Maximum salaries to be paid to employees in the positions included in the Employees Classification Plan be and the same hereby is amended by striking out the hourly and weekly minimum and maximums as appearing therein and substituting in place thereof under the Job Classifications the following new hourly and weekly minimum and maximum rates:

Classification

	Hourly		Weekly	
	Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.

Section 1. Clerical Employees

Junior Clerk			30.00	45.00
Senior Clerk			45.00	55.00

Section 2. Supervisory Employees

Foreman				92.00
Supervisory Employees, Mechanic and Shovel Operator		1.95		78.00

Section 3. Hourly Paid Employees

Skilled Labor	1.51	1.76	60.40	70.40
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Section 5. Municipal Light Dept.

Manager				145.00
Comptroller				125.00
Assistant to Comptroller				75.00
Distribution Engineer				120.00
Construction Superintendent				112.00
Line Truck Foreman		2.47		98.80
Cable Splicer		2.47		98.80
Lineman—1st Class		2.21		88.40
Lineman—2nd Class		1.94		77.60
Lineman—3rd Class		1.79		71.60
Groundsman		1.74		69.60
Patrolman—1st Class		1.875		75.00
Mechanic		1.95		78.00
Meter Tester		1.81		72.40
Meter Reader		1.50		60.00
Chief Operator		2.125		85.00
Operator		1.84		73.60
Stockroom Man		1.50		60.00
Service Man		1.875		75.00
Janitor		1.45		58.00

Section 6. Cemetery Dept.

Superintendent				92.00
*Working Foreman		1.85		74.00

*Use of house at \$20.00 per month

Section 7. Public Library

Librarian				60.38
Assistant Librarian				50.90

Section 8. Tree and Moth Dept.

Superintendent				83.92
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Section 9. Police Dept.

	Annually	
	Min.	Max.
Chief	4250.00	5000.00
Sergeant		4200.00
Patrolman	3400.00	3800.00

Section 10. Fire Dept.

Chief	4250.00	5000.00
Deputy		4400.00
Captain		4200.00
Lieutenant		4000.00
Private	3400.00	3800.00

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted to take up Article 25.

ARTICLE 25. On motion of Harold L. Jones it was voted that Schedule A Job Classification under Article VIII-A of the By-Laws relating to the Wage and Hour Classification Plan be and the same hereby is amended in the manner following:

Add to Municipal Light Department the following new Classification:

ASSISTANT CABLE SPLICER: Works with cable splicer on all underground work, capable of doing some splicing and also fills in on overhead work.

Amend Section 5, Municipal Light Department by establishing the hourly and weekly minimum and maximum rates for the new Job Classification of Assistant Cable Splicer as follows:

Hourly		Weekly	
Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.
1.81	1.90	72.40	76.00

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted to take up Article 26.

ARTICLE 26. On motion of Harold L. Jones it was voted that Schedule A Job Classifications under Article VIII-A of the By-Laws relating to the Wage and Hour Classification Plan be and the same hereby is amended by striking out under the Board of Public Works the classification of "Land Surveyor" and substituting in place thereof the following:

Land Surveyor

Shall be a person capable of performing and supervising work on land and construction surveys. Shall be experienced in the procedures, calculations, plans and records relating thereto. Shall have the equivalent of two years of study at an accredited engineering school.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted to adjourn, to meet in the New High School auditorium on Monday evening, March 28, 1955, after the adjournment of the Special Town Meeting held on that evening.

Adjourned at 10:10 P.M.

158 Precinct Members were present.

A true copy. Attest:

BOYD H. STEWART, Town Clerk

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

New High School Auditorium

March 28, 1955

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Charles P. Howard at 7:45 P.M.

The Warrant was partially read by the Town Clerk when, on motion of Kenneth C. Latham, it was voted to dispense with further reading of the warrant except the Constable's return which was read by the Town Clerk.

ARTICLE 1. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that Article 1 be indefinitely postponed.

ARTICLE 2. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the gift of Estella B. Brown and Leo J. Brown of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) to be held in trust by the Town in memory of their late son Kenneth L. Brown under the terms of Trust Instrument dated February 15, 1955, be and the same hereby is accepted and the Town Treasurer be and hereby is authorized to execute for and in behalf of the Town receipt and other documents which may be necessary to carry out the purpose of this vote.

ARTICLE 3. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the gift of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) under the will of the late Carl B. Sawyer to be held in Trust as provided in said will be and the same hereby is accepted and the Town Treasurer be and hereby is authorized to execute for and in behalf of the Town receipt and other documents which may be necessary to carry out the purpose of this vote.

ARTICLE 4. On motion of Lawrence Drew it was voted that the personnel of the Recreation Committee be increased from seven to nine members and the two additional members be appointed at large by the Board of Selectmen.

ARTICLE 5. On motion of Philip R. White it was voted that the sum of Fifteen Hundred Dollars (\$1500) be transferred from the Junior High School Repairs Account; Four Hundred Sixty-Seven Dollars (\$467.00) from the Highland School Repairs Account and Twelve Thousand Four Hundred Eighty-eight Dollars and Forty-three Cents (\$12,488.43) be raised from the Tax Levy and said sums aggregating Fourteen Thousand Four Hundred Fifty-five Dollars and Forty-three Cents (\$14,455.43) be appropriated for furnishing and installing a new steam boiler and power oil burner with the necessary equipment and controls used in connection therewith for the Highland School and that the Town Accountant be and hereby is authorized to transfer said sums to carry out the purpose of this vote.

ARTICLE 6. On motion of Alfred H. Dolben it was voted that Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) being the unissued portion of the loan

of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000) appropriated for the construction by the Electric Light Department of the sub-station in the Town of North Reading under vote adopted under Article 21 at the Special Town Meeting held on December 1, 1952 be and the same hereby is rescinded.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted to adjourn sine die at 8:05 P.M.

153 Precinct Members were present.

A true copy. Attest:

BOYD H. STEWART, Town Clerk

ADJOURNED ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

New High School Auditorium March 28, 1955

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Charles P. Howard, at 8:05 P.M.

ARTICLE 4. On motion of Charles R. Baisley it was voted that the sum of Twenty-Seven Thousand, Four Hundred Nine Dollars (\$27,409.00) be raised and appropriated for HEALTH AND SANITATION as follows:

Board of Health Salaries	\$ 1,526.00	
Health Officer's Salary	675.00	
Inspector of Plumbing Salary	1,458.00	
Inspector of Animals Salary	400.00	
Inspector of Milk and Food Salary	350.00	\$ 4,409.00
Board of Health Expense	\$ 700.00	
Inspector of Milk and Food Expense	50.00	
Care of Contagious Diseases	4,000.00	
Premature Babies	1,000.00	
Garbage Collection	14,400.00	
Dental Clinic	2,850.00	23,000.00
		\$ 27,409.00

ARTICLE 4. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the sum of Sixty-four Thousand, Two Hundred Twenty-seven Dollars and Seventy-two Cents (\$64,227.72) be raised and appropriated for GENERAL GOVERNMENT as follows:

Selectmen's Clerical	\$ 1,404.00	
Selectmen's Expense	1,500.00	2,904.00
Accountant's Salary	4,961.50	
Accountant's Clerical	702.72	
Accountant's Expense (Including travel outside the State, not to exceed \$200.00)	600.00	6,264.22

Treasurer's Salary	2,687.50	
Treasurer's Clerical	1,100.00	
Treasurer's Expense	1,625.00	5,412.50
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Collector's Salary (Fees to Town Treasurer)	4,480.00	
Collector's Clerical	6,277.80	
Collector's Expense	2,100.00	12,857.80
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Assessors' Salaries	4,050.00*	
Assessors' Clerical	6,196.30	
Assessors' Expense	2,715.00	12,961.30
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Town Counsel's Salary	2,687.50	
Town Counsel's Expense	1,750.00	4,437.50
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Town Clerk's Salary (Fees to Town Treasury) ..	1,700.00	
Town Clerk's Clerical	3,171.60	
Town Clerk's Expense (Including travel outside the State, not to exceed \$200.00	750.00	5,621.60
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Registrars' Salaries	500.00	
Registrars' Expense	2,600.00	
Election and Registration Expense	2,000.00	5,100.00
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Municipal Building Janitor	3,168.80	
Municipal Building Maintenance	4,000.00	7,168.80
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Planning Board Expense		700.00
Board of Appeals Expense	350.00	
Capital Expenditures Planning Committee Exp.	300.00	
Finance Committee Expense	100.00	
Personnel Board Expense	50.00	800.00
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		\$ 64,227.72
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*Chairman	\$ 2,187.50	
Secretary	1,175.00	
Other Member	687.50	
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	\$ 4,050.00	

ARTICLE 4. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the sum of Two Hundred Sixty-two Thousand, Nine Hundred One Dollars and Seventy-eight Cents (\$262,901.78) be raised and appropriated for PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY as follows:

Police Dept. Salaries	\$ 95,251.12	
Police Dept. Janitor	1,200.00	
Dog Officer's Salary	375.00	\$ 96,826.12
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Police Dept. Maintenance (Including travel outside State, not to exceed \$200.00)	10,170.00	
Police Station Maintenance	2,593.00	
Police Dept. Pensions	9,888.36	
Dog Officer's Expense	400.00	23,051.36
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		\$119,877.48
Fire Dept. Salaries	\$ 79,444.82	
Fire Dept. Callmen Salaries	5,400.00	
Fire Alarm Maintenance Salaries	1,450.00	
Fire Alarm Extension Salaries	1,000.00	\$ 87,294.82
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Fire Dept. Maintenance (including travel outside State, not to exceed \$200.00)	8,150.00	
Fire Stations Maintenance	2,955.00	
Fire Dept. Pensions	1,375.00	
Fire Alarm Maintenance	2,550.00	
Fire Alarm Extension	600.00	15,630.00
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		\$102,924.82
Moth and Tree Dept. Salaries	19,489.48	
Moth and Tree Dept. Expense	5,480.00	24,969.48
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Inspector of Buildings Salary	3,750.00	
Inspector of Buildings Expense	455.00	4,205.00
Inspector of Wires Salary	700.00	
Inspector of Wires Expense	300.00	1,000.00
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Sealer of Weights and Measures Salary	700.00	
Sealer of Weights and Measures Expense	250.00	950.00
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Game Warden's Salary		105.00
Hydrant Rentals		6,270.00
Drinking Fountains		100.00
Traffic Control		2,500.00

ARTICLE 4. On motion of Daniel L. Chamberlain it was voted that the sum of One Hundred Eighty-five Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty-eight (\$185,868.00) be raised and appropriated for CHARITY AND AID as follows:

Welfare General Aid	\$ 25,500.00	
Personal Services	2,108.00	
Expenses	760.00	\$ 28,368.00
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Aid to Dependent Children	15,500.00	
Administrative	5,000.00	20,500.00
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Old Age Assistance	119,500.00	
Administrative	7,500.00	127,000.00
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Disability Assistance	8,500.00	
Administrative	1,500.00	10,000.00
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Total		\$185,868.00

ARTICLE 4. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the sum of Seventeen Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty-eight Dollars and Forty-four Cents (\$17,868.44) be raised and appropriated for VETERANS' BENEFITS as follows:

Administrative Salaries		\$ 2,118.44
Administrative Expense	\$ 750.00	
Aid	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,750.00
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		\$ 17,868.44

ARTICLE 4. On motion of Philip R. White it was voted that the sum of Eight Hundred Twelve Thousand Five Hundred Seventy-two and 59/100 Dollars (\$812,572.59) be raised and appropriated for the SCHOOL DEPARTMENT as follows:

General Salaries	\$664,307.79
General Maintenance	111,848.80
Vocational Tuition	4,000.00
Transportation	24,466.00
Athletics	4,500.00
Pension	3,450.00
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Total	\$812,572.59

ARTICLE 4. On motion of Harold F. Davis it was voted that the sum of Twenty-three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$23,500) be raised and appropriated for the maintenance, care and development of Laurel Hill Cemetery and Forest Glen Cemetery as follows:

Personal Services	\$ 21,000.00
*Expenses	2,500.00
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	\$ 23,500.00

*Including travel outside the State limited to the sum of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00).

ARTICLE 4. On motion of Sydney M. Hodson it was voted that the sum of Twenty-one Thousand Six Hundred Fifteen and 72/100 Dollars (\$21,615.72) be raised and appropriated for the Public Library as follows:

Personal Service	\$ 13,875.72
Expenses	7,740.00
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	\$ 21,615.72

ARTICLE 4. On motion of Harold D. Kilgore, Jr., as amended by Carl H. Amon, it was voted that the sum of Four Hundred Eighty-one Thousand Six Hundred One and 14/100 Dollars (\$481,601.14) be raised and appropriated for the Board of Public Works as follows:

\$481,601.14

ARTICLE 4. On motion of Preston F. Nichols it was voted that the following sum in the amount of One Hundred Seventy-four Thousand Dollars (\$174,000) be raised and appropriated for MATURING DEBT, not including Light and Water.

Sewer	\$ 24,000.00
School	140,000.00
Library	10,000.00
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	\$174,000.00

ARTICLE 4. On motion of Preston F. Nichols it was voted that the sum of Fifty-three Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy-five Dollars (\$53,775.00) be raised and appropriated for INTEREST not including Water, Light and Sewer.

School	\$ 51,900.00
Library	625.00
Ant. of Rev. (Should be added to Unclassified)	1,250.00
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	\$ 53,775.00

ARTICLE 4. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the sum of Thirty Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$30,500.00) be raised and appropriated for INSURANCE.

ARTICLE 4. On motion of Alfred H. Dolben it was voted that there be included in the tax levy, for electricity used for street lights, the sum of Seventeen Thousand Dollars (\$17,000) and that said sum and the income from sales of electricity to private consumers and for electricity supplies to municipal buildings, and for municipal power, and from sales of appliances and jobbing during the current fiscal year be appropriated for the Municipal Light Plant, and that the sum of Twelve Thousand (\$12,000) Dollars be appropriated from the said receipts of the department for the sale, installation and servicing of merchandise, equipment, utensils and chattels, as provided in Section 34 of Chapter 164 of the General Laws, said appropriations to be expended by the Manager of the Municipal Lighting Plant under the direction and control of the Municipal Light Board, for the expense of the plant, including payments of Bonds and Notes, the sale, installation and servicing of merchandise, equipment, utensils and chattels, as defined in Chapter 164, Section 57, of the General Laws, or any amendments thereof or addition thereto, and that if said sum of \$17,000.00 and said income shall exceed said expense for said fiscal year, such excess up to the amount of 2½% of the primary cost of plant and General Equipment as of December 31st of the preceding year plus 10% of the net profit for the preceding year as defined in Chapter 164 of the General Laws, such amount shall be paid into the Town Treasury, and the balance, if any, shall be transferred to the Construction Fund of said Plant and appropriated and used for such additions thereto as may thereafter be authorized by the Municipal Light Board.

ARTICLE 4. On motion of Lawrence Drew it was voted that the sum of Nineteen Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$1,960.00) be raised and ap-

propriated for MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE to be expended under the direction of Post 62, American Legion, and Post 685, Veterans of Foreign Wars.

ARTICLE 4. On motion of Gilbert M. Lothrop it was voted that the sum of Seventeen Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$1,750.00) be raised and appropriated for printing the TOWN REPORT for the year 1954.

ARTICLE 4. On motion of Gilbert M. Lothrop it was voted that the sum of Four Hundred Dollars (\$400.00) be raised and appropriated for the maintenance of the PARKING AREAS.

ARTICLE 4. On motion of Lawrence Drew it was voted that the sum of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) be raised and appropriated for the CARE AND LIGHTING OF OLD SOUTH CLOCK.

ARTICLE 4. On motion of Lawrence Drew it was voted that the sum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) be raised and appropriated for RECORDING INSTRUMENTS in the Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds.

ARTICLE 4. On motion of Samuel H. Davis it was voted that the sum of Thirty-nine Thousand Five Hundred Ninety-five Dollars and Twenty-six Cents (\$39,595.26) be raised and appropriated for the Contributory Retirement System to be divided as follows:

Pension Accumulation Fund	\$ 38,172.00
Expense Fund	1,400.00
Military Service Fund	23.26
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	\$ 39,595.26

ARTICLE 4. On motion of Carl H. Amon, Jr. it was voted that the sum of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) be appropriated by transferring said sum from the OVERLAY SURPLUS RESERVE FUND to the RESERVE FUND, and that the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized and instructed to transfer said sum to carry out the purpose of this vote.

ARTICLE 4. On motion of Gilbert M. Lothrop it was voted that the sum of Nine Hundred Dollars (\$900.00) be raised and appropriated for the preparation and printing of the STREET LIST for the year 1955, such sums to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that Article 4 be laid on the table.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the meeting stand adjourned until April 4, 1955 at 7:45 P.M. to meet in the New High School Auditorium.

153 Precinct Members were present.

A true copy. Attest:

BOYD H. STEWART,
Town Clerk

ADJOURNED ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

New High School Auditorium

April 4, 1955

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Charles P. Howard, at 7:55 P.M.

ARTICLE 5. On motion of Preston F. Nichols it was voted that the Town Treasurer be and he hereby is authorized with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1956, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Sections 4 and 17 of Chapter 44 of the General Laws.

ARTICLE 6. On motion of Preston F. Nichols it was voted that the sum of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) be raised and appropriated for the purpose of foreclosing in the Land Court pursuant to provisions of Section 65 of Chapter 60 of the General Laws, the right of redemption to any and all real estate taken by the Town for nonpayment of taxes.

ARTICLE 7. On motion of Preston F. Nichols it was voted that the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) be transferred from Surplus Revenue and appropriated for the maintenance of various streets previously constructed under Chapter 90 of the General Laws, and that the sum of Nineteen Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$19,500) be transferred from Surplus Revenue and appropriated for the construction under Chapter 90 of the General Laws of a portion of West Street from Woburn Street northerly toward the Wilmington Town Line, provided however that such sums received as reimbursement from the State and County shall be credited to Surplus Revenue and that the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized and instructed to transfer said sums to carry out the purpose of this vote.

ARTICLE 8. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that Article 8 be indefinitely postponed.

ARTICLE 9. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that Article 9 be indefinitely postponed.

ARTICLE 10. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the Board of Selectmen be and they hereby are authorized and empowered to sell or exchange upon such terms and conditions as they may determine, the 1950 Chevrolet used by the Police Department, and that the sum of Fifteen Hundred Dollars (\$1500.), together with the proceeds from such sale or exchange, be raised and appropriated for the purchase of a new Station Wagon for the Police Department.

ARTICLE 11. On motion of Lawrence Drew it was voted that the Board of Selectmen be and they hereby are authorized and empowered to sell or exchange upon such terms and conditions as they may

determine, the 1954 Ford Police cruising car, and that the sum of Seven Hundred Dollars (\$700.), together with the proceeds from such sale or exchange, be raised and appropriated for the purchase of a new cruising car for the Police Department.

ARTICLE 12. On motion of Lawrence Drew it was voted that the Board of Selectmen be and they hereby are authorized and empowered to sell or exchange upon such terms and conditions as they may determine, the 1954 Ford Police cruising car, and that the sum of Seven Hundred Dollars (\$700), together with the proceeds from such sale or exchange, be raised and appropriated for the purchase of a new cruising car for the Police Department.

ARTICLE 13. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that Article 13 be indefinitely postponed.

ARTICLE 14. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that Article 14 be indefinitely postponed.

ARTICLE 15. On motion of Lawrence Drew it was voted that the sum of Twelve Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$1,250.) be raised and appropriated for the purchase of uniforms for members of the Police Department.

ARTICLE 16. On motion of Lawrence Drew it was voted that the sum of Five Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$550.00) be raised and appropriated for the purchase of uniforms for members of the Fire Department.

ARTICLE 17. On motion of Lawrence Drew it was voted that the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) be raised and appropriated for the purchase and installation of a two-way radio for additional piece of equipment of the Fire Department.

ARTICLE 18. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) be raised and appropriated for extension of the fire alarm system so as to furnish mutual aid between this Town and the Town of North Reading.

ARTICLE 19. On motion of Lawrence Drew it was voted that the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) be raised and appropriated for the further development and maintenance of the Town Forest.

ARTICLE 20. On motion of Lawrence Drew it was voted that the sum of Twelve Hundred Dollars (\$1,200) be raised and appropriated for the care of graves of any persons who have served in the Army, Navy, or Marine Corps of the United States in time of war or in insurrection, and who have been honorably discharged from such service, as provided by Section 9 of Chapter 115 of the General Laws.

ARTICLE 21. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.) be raised and appropriated for the use of a helicopter in spraying the trees by the Tree and Moth Department.

ARTICLE 22. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that Article 22 be indefinitely postponed.

ARTICLE 23. On motion of Robert G. Clinch it was voted that the sum of Seven Hundred Dollars (\$700.) be raised and appropriated to defray the legal expenses in relation to the appeal taken by Eva Cole to the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court from the decree of the Superior Court entered January 19, 1955.

On motion of Robert E. Turner it was voted to take up Article 35.

ARTICLE 35. On motion of Robert E. Turner it was voted that the Board of Selectmen be and they hereby are authorized for and in behalf of the Town to acquire by purchase, right of eminent domain, or otherwise for school purposes the following described parcel of land adjacent to the new High School in Birch Meadow and that the sum of Twenty-five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.) be transferred from the following Accounts: Five Hundred Eighty-nine and 50/100 Dollars (\$589.50) from the School Land Purchase Oak Street and Summer Avenue Account; Four Hundred Fifty-five and 20/100 Dollars (\$455.20) from the Birch Meadow Land Purchase Account; Fifty Dollars (\$50.) from the School Land Purchase White Property Account; Fifty-five Dollars (\$55.) from the School Land Purchase Forest Street Account; Two Hundred Eighty-seven and 55/100 Dollars (\$287.55) from the Sewer Pumping Station Willow Street Land Purchase Account; Ten Dollars (\$10.00) from the Account for Land Taking Municipal Parking Area No. 1, and Ten Hundred Fifty-two and 75/100 Dollars (\$1,052.75) from the Surplus Revenue, and appropriate said sums aggregating Twenty-five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.) for the acquisition of such land, and the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized and instructed to transfer said sums to carry out the purpose of this vote:

Beginning at the southwesterly corner thereof; thence northwesterly six hundred twenty-three (623) feet; thence turning and running northeasterly by two courses three hundred fifty and 34/100 (350.34) feet and one hundred fifty-two and 84/100 (152.84) feet; thence turning and running in a general easterly direction three hundred sixty-six and 91/100 (366.91) feet; thence southeasterly by two courses one hundred ninety-two and 72/100 (192.72) feet and two hundred three and 2/100 (203.02) feet; thence turning and running southwesterly two hundred fifty-six and 6/100 (256.06) feet; thence running in a general westerly direction one hundred forty-seven and 63/100 (147.63) feet; thence turning and running southwesterly three hundred twenty-seven and 81/100 (327.81) feet; thence running southeasterly two hundred fifty-nine and 75/100 (259.75) feet; thence running easterly twenty-seven and 77/100 (27.77) feet and thence in a general westerly direction two hundred seventy-five and 70/100 (275.70) feet to the point of beginning.

Said parcel is shown as Lot 9 on Plat 66 of Town of Reading Assessors Plans and said parcel is estimated to contain 10.896 acres.

132 voted in the affirmative.

1 voted in the negative.

On motion of Robert E. Turner it was voted to take up Article 29.

ARTICLE 29. On motion of Robert E. Turner it was voted that the care, custody, management and control of a parcel of land in Birch

Meadow adjacent to the site of the new High School and shown as area 10 on plan dated June, 1930, filed in the Town Clerk's Office, which land is now being used for playground purposes, be and the same hereby is transferred for school purposes.

132 voted in the affirmative.

0 voted in the negative.

ARTICLE 27. On motion of Robert E. Turner it was voted that the sum of Twenty-four Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$24,600.) be transferred from Surplus Revenue and appropriated for rough grading the land in Birch Meadow adjacent to the new High School and being areas, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 as shown on Plan dated June 1930 duly filed in the Town Clerk's Office, which appropriation is to be added to the previous appropriations voted for the construction of the new High School Building and for originally equipping and furnishing the said Building and the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized and instructed to transfer said sums to carry out the purpose of this vote.

ARTICLE 28. On motion of Robert E. Turner it was voted that the sum of Sixty-one Thousand Dollars (\$61,000) be raised and appropriated for the finish grading of land at Birch Meadow adjacent to the new High School and being shown as areas 1A, 1B, 1C and 1D on Plan dated June, 1930, filed in the Town Clerk's Office, which appropriation is to be added to the previous appropriations voted for the construction of the new High School Building and for originally equipping and furnishing the said Building.

ARTICLE 30. On motion of Philip R. White it was voted that the School Committee be and they hereby are authorized and empowered to sell or exchange upon such terms and conditions as they may determine the 1947 Chevrolet Automobile and that the sum of Sixty-nine and 83/100 Dollars (\$69.83) be transferred from the School Department Station Wagon Purchase Account and Seventeen Hundred Thirty and 17/100 (\$1,730.17) be raised from the Tax Levy and said sums aggregating Eighteen Hundred Dollars (\$1,800), together with the proceeds from such sale or exchange be raised and appropriated for the purchase of a new Automobile for the School Department and the Town Accountant be and hereby is authorized and instructed to transfer said sum to carry out the purpose of this vote.

ARTICLE 31. On motion of Philip R. White it was voted that there be and hereby is established a Building Committee for the purpose of the construction of an Elementary School upon land owned by the Town on Forest Street, such Committee to consist of seven Members, one to be chosen from the School Committee, one from the Board of Public Works, one from the Finance Committee and four to be appointed at large by the Board of Selectmen.

ARTICLE 32. On motion of Philip R. White it was voted that the sum of Thirteen and 83/100 Dollars (\$13.83) be transferred from the new High School Preliminary Plans Account and Ninety-nine Hundred Eighty-six and 17/100 Dollars (\$9,986.17) be raised from the Tax Levy

and said sums aggregating Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) be appropriated for consulting engineers and architectural services, preliminary plans and surveys for the construction of a new Elementary School upon land owned by the Town on Forest Street, and the Town Accountant be and hereby is authorized and instructed to transfer said sum to carry out the purpose of this vote.

ARTICLE 33. On motion of Philip R. White it was voted that there be and hereby is established a Special Committee to make a comprehensive study and investigation of suitable sites in the Town for Schools and of suitable sites for recreational areas, such Committee to consist of seven Members, one to be chosen from the School Committee, one from the Planning Board, one from the Board of Public Works, one from the Recreation Committee, one from the Finance Committee, and two Members at large to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen.

ARTICLE 34. On motion of Philip A. White it was voted that the sum of Twenty-three and 40/100 (\$23.40) Dollars be raised and appropriated for the payment of a 1953 Account of the School Department due the City of Boston for vocational tuition.

133 voted in the affirmative.

0 voted in the negative.

ARTICLE 36. On motion of Harold D. Kilgore, Jr. it was voted that the sum of Sixty-two Hundred Dollars (\$6,200.) be transferred from Surplus Revenue and appropriated for the installation of a skating area in Birch Meadow upon the parcel of Land No. 2 as shown on plan dated June 1930 filed in the Town Clerk's Office and the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized and instructed to transfer said sum to carry out the purpose of this vote.

ARTICLE 37. On motion of Kenneth R. Johnson it was voted that the provisions of Sections forty-two A, to forty-two F, inclusive, of Chapter 40 of the General Laws, being a law relative to the Collection of Water Rates and imposing Liens therefor upon real estate, be and the same hereby are accepted.

ARTICLE 38. On motion of Kenneth R. Johnson it was voted that the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.) be raised from the Tax Levy and appropriated for the payment of land damages caused by the relocation of the Westerly side line of South Street.

ARTICLE 39. On motion of Kenneth R. Johnson it was voted that the sum of One Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$1,200.) be raised from the Tax Levy and appropriated for the purpose of making specific repairs to the Mineral Street Bridge and approaches thereto, said appropriation to be apportioned \$900.00 for Salaries and \$300.00 for Expenses.

ARTICLE 40. On motion of Kenneth R. Johnson it was voted that the Town accept the report of the Board of Public Works on the relocating or altering of the location lines of a portion of Lincoln Street and a portion of Arlington Street at the Northerly terminal of said streets and adopt the recommendations contained therein.

**Report of the Board of Public Works on the Relocation or
Alteration of the Corner of Arlington Street and Lincoln Street**

The Board of Public Works of the Town of Reading, having determined and adjudged that common convenience and necessity require that the public highways be laid out, relocated or altered as and in the location hereinafter described, having complied with all requirements of law relating to notice to owners of land thereof, and of a hearing thereon, and having met at the time and place appointed for such hearing, and then and there heard all persons present who desired to be heard, having laid out, relocated or altered as public highways for the use of the Town, the corner of Arlington Street and Lincoln Street. The boundaries and measurements of said public highways as so laid out, relocated or altered are as follows:

Beginning at a stone bound located at the intersection of the Easterly side line of said Arlington Street and the Southerly side line of Woburn Street;

Thence N. $70^{\circ}42'35''$ E., along said Southerly side line of Woburn Street, a distance of 13.5 feet to an angle point at the intersection of the said Southerly side line of Woburn Street and the South-Westerly side line of said Lincoln Street;

Thence S. $48^{\circ}09'00''$ E. by the said South-Westerly side line of Lincoln Street, a distance of 46.67 feet to a point of curve;

Thence running South-Westerly by a curved line on a radius of 19.00 feet, a length of 50.26 feet through lands of John F. Sawyer and Louise H. Sawyer to a point of tangent on the said Easterly side line of Arlington Street;

Thence N. $18^{\circ}34'00''$ W. along said Easterly side line of Arlington Street a distance of 49.95 feet to the point of beginning of this description.

The approximate area taken is seven hundred and seventy-nine (779) square feet.

The above described lines being more fully shown on a Plan entitled "Relocation and Alteration of the corner of Arlington and Lincoln Streets, Reading, Mass.", dated February, 1955, Board of Public Works, James T. Putnam, Supt., said Plan being a part of this description.

We determine that no damages will be sustained by any person or persons in their property by reason of the taking to be made for this improvement.

No betterments are to be assessed for this improvement.

This laying out, relocation or alteration so made by us, we hereby report to the Town for acceptance and recommend that when this report is accepted and adopted by the Town, that said public highways shall thereafter be laid out, relocated or altered in accordance with said Plan.

(Signed)

WALTER S. HOPKINS, JR.

DOMENICK ZANNI, JR.

KENNETH R. JOHNSON

Members of the Board of Public Works,
Town of Reading

ARTICLE 41. On motion of Kenneth R. Johnson it was voted that the Town accept the report of the Board of Public Works on the laying out of a Private Way known as Birch Meadow Drive and adopt the recommendations contained therein, and that the sum of Thirty-four Thousand One Hundred Dollars (\$34,100.) be appropriated for the original construction of Birch Meadow Drive, from Main Street to Oakland Road being an access road to the new High School including the cost of bituminous macadam or other permanent pavement of similar lasting character and for the sidewalks to be laid at the time of said construction, and to meet said appropriation the sum of Twenty-five Thousand Eight Hundred Forty-nine Dollars (\$25,849.) be transferred from the unexpended balance of the High School Access Roads Account and the sum of Eight Thousand Two Hundred Fifty-one Dollars (\$8,251.) be appropriated by transferring said sum from Surplus Revenue and the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized and instructed to transfer said sum to said account to carry out the purpose of this voted

**Report of the Board of Public Works on the Laying Out of
Birch Meadow Drive**

The Board of Public Works of the Town of Reading having determined and adjudged that common convenience and necessity require the laying out of a Town Way under the provisions of law authorizing the assessment of betterments, substantially in the location hereinafter described, having complied with all requirements of law relating to notice to the owners of land thereof and of a hearing thereon, and having met at the time and place appointed for such hearing and then and there heard all persons present who desired to be heard, have laid out as a Town Way for the use of the Town running North-Westerly from a State Highway now known as Main Street to a public town way known as Oakland Road as accepted March 23, 1953, substantially as and in the location of the private way known as Birch Meadow Drive, the boundaries and measurements of said way as so laid out are as follows:

Beginning at a point on the Westerly side line of said Main Street, said point being N. 0°-03" - 10" E., a distance of 225.39 feet measured along the said Westerly side line of Main Street from a Massachusetts Highway stone bound set at an angle point, Station 125 plus 38.20 Left, as defined by the alteration and layout as a State Highway of said Main Street by the Massachusetts Department of Public Works, March 5, 1929;

Thence by a curved line to the Left, running in a North-Westerly direction, having a radius of 30.00 feet by lands of the Inhabitants of the Town of Reading, a length of 47.12 feet to a point of curve;

Thence by a curved line to the Right, running in a North-Westerly direction, having a radius of 708.00 feet by lands of said Inhabitants of the Town of Reading, a length of 388.06 feet to a point of tangent;

Thence N. 58°-32'-35" W. still by lands of said Inhabitants of the Town of Reading, a distance of 230.81 feet to a point of curve;

Thence by a curved line to the Left, running in a South-Westerly direction, having a radius of 60.00 feet, still by lands of said Inhabitants of the Town of Reading, and by a private way known as Waverly Road, a length of 94.57 feet to a point of tangent;

Thence S. 31°-9'-05" W. across said Waverly (Private) Road a distance of 30.38 feet to the North-Easterly terminus of Oakland Road as accepted March 23, 1953;

Thence N. 58°-15'-45" W. by said North-Easterly terminus of Oakland Road a distance of 60.01 feet to an angle point;

Thence N. 31°-09'-05" E., still by lands of said Inhabitants of the Town of Reading, a distance of 40.73 feet to a point of curve;

Thence by a curved line to the Left, running in a North-Westerly direction, having a radius of 60.00 feet, still by lands of said Inhabitants of the Town of Reading, a length of 93.93 feet to a point; said point being the North-Westerly terminus of the South-Westerly side line of this lay-out;

Thence N. 31°-27'-25" E., by lands of said Inhabitants of the Town of Reading, a distance of 50.00 feet to a point; said point being the North-Westerly terminus of the North-Easterly side line of this layout;

Thence S. 58°-32'-35" E., by lands of said Inhabitants of the Town of Reading a distance of 410.51 feet to a point of curve;

Thence by a curved line to the Left, running in a South-Easterly direction, having a radius of 648.00 feet by lands of said Inhabitants of the Town of Reading, a length of 355.17 feet to a point of curve;

Thence by a curved line to the Left, running in a North-Easterly direction, having a radius of 30.00 feet still by lands of said Inhabitants of the Town of Reading, a length of 47.12 feet to a point on the said Westerly side line of Main Street;

Thence S. 0°-03'-10" W. along said Westerly side line of Main Street, a distance of 120.00 feet to the point of beginning of this description.

The above described lines being more fully shown on a Plan entitled "Birch Meadow Drive, Reading, Mass.", dated February 25, 1955, Board of Public Works, James T. Putnam, Supt., said Plan being a part of this description.

We determine that no damages will be sustained by any person or persons in their property by reason of the taking to be made for this improvement.

This laying out so made by us we hereby report to the Town for acceptance and recommend that said way shall thereafter be known as a Public Town Way and named Birch Meadow Drive.

WALTER S. HOPKINS, JR.

KENNETH R. JOHNSON

Members of the Board of Public Works
Town of Reading

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted to take up Article 55.

ARTICLE 55. On motion of Alfred H. Dolben it was voted that the subject matter of Article 55 be referred to the Municipal Light Board, and that said Board be, and it hereby is, authorized to install such additional street lights, as in its judgment are required, and to make such changes in the size, type, and location of existing street lights, as it may deem advisable, the expense of same to be paid from the income of the plant.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted to take up Article 56.

ARTICLE 56. On motion of Alfred H. Dolben it was voted that the Municipal Light Board be authorized and empowered to extend and enlarge the Municipal Light Plant by installing necessary additional power lines from the Ash Street Plant to the present substations in the towns of North Reading and Wilmington, and by installing such other appliances and equipment which may be necessary in connection therewith and that there be raised and appropriated for the above purpose the sum of One Hundred Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000) in addition to the amount which may be available in the Depreciation Fund to be expended by the Manager of the Municipal Lighting Department under the direction and control of the Municipal Light Board for the above purpose; and that the Treasurer be and he hereby is authorized and directed with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow said sum of \$125,000 and to issue therefor bonds or notes of the Town, such bonds or notes to be payable in accordance with the Provisions of Chapter 44 of the General Laws, so that the whole loan shall be payable in not more than twenty years from the date of the first bond or note or at such earlier time as the Treasurer and the Selectmen may determine; and said bonds or notes shall be signed by the Treasurer and countersigned by the Selectmen.

132 voted in the affirmative.

0 voted in the negative.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the meeting stand adjourned until April 11, 1955 at 7:45 P.M. to meet in the New High School Auditorium

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 P.M.

144 Town Meeting Members were present.

A true copy. Attest:

BOYD H. STEWART, Town Clerk

ADJOURNED ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

New High School Auditorium

April 11, 1955

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Charles P. Howard, at 8:00 P.M.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted to take Article 3 from the table.

ARTICLE 3. On motion of Robert G. Clinch it was voted that the Planning Board of the town of Reading as constituted on January 19, 1955 be and the same is hereby authorized and instructed to employ counsel, other than the Town Counsel, for the purpose of defending an appeal filed by one Eva Cole of Reading, to the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts, of a decree entered in the Superior Court held in

Middlesex County on January 19, 1955, Equity Number 18422, and to defray the expenses of said counsel in relation to said appeal out of funds raised and appropriated by vote passed at an adjourned town meeting held on March 28, 1955 under Article 23.

ARTICLE 3. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the following be chosen to serve as Measurers of Lumber for the ensuing year:

Harold B. Currell
Fred F. Smith
Maurice H. Donegan

and that the following be chosen to serve as Measurers of Wood and Bark:

Harold B. Currell
Thomas E. Brogan
Maurice H. Donegan

ARTICLE 3. On motion of Edward C. Emslie it was voted that the Finance Committee be, and hereby is, instructed with the assistance of the Town Accountant and Board of Public Works, to provide in its Annual Report to the Town Meeting for a reporting of all appropriations and expenditures for Sidewalks and for the Water Department under the respective headings of Construction and Maintenance, the practice now followed in respect to Sewers and Drainage.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that Article 3 be laid on the table.

ARTICLE 42. On motion of Kenneth R. Johnson it was voted that the Town accept the report of the Board of Public Works on the laying out of a Private Way known as Glenmere Circle and adopt the recommendations contained therein, and that the sum of Eight Thousand Five Hundred Eighteen and Fifty one hundredths (\$8,518.50) Dollars be appropriated from the unexpended balances of the following accounts:

\$671.01 from Evergreen Road Betterment Salaries
422.14 from Evergreen Road Betterment Expenses
145.03 from Tennyson Road Betterment Salaries
103.80 from Tennyson Road Betterment Expenses
29.63 from Wentworth Road Betterment Salaries
290.02 from Wentworth Road Betterment Expenses
783.64 from Woodland Street Betterment Salaries
425.02 from Woodland Street Betterment Expenses
2.04 from Resurfacing Streets Account Expenses

and that the sum of \$5,646.17 be transferred from Surplus Revenue and that said sums shall be appropriated and transferred for the laying out and construction of said way, said sum to be apportioned as follows: \$4,618.50 for Salaries and \$3,900.00 for Expenses, and that the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized and instructed to transfer said sums to carry out the purpose of this vote.

Report of the Board of Public Works on the Laying Out of Glenmere Circle

The Board of Public Works of the Town of Reading having determined and adjudged that common convenience and necessity require the laying out of a Town Way under the provisions of law authorizing the assessment of betterments, substantially in the location hereinafter described, having complied with all requirements of law relating to notice to the owners of land thereof and of a hearing thereon, and having met at the time and place appointed for such hearing and then and there heard all persons present who desired to be heard, have laid out as a Town Way for the use of the Town running South-easterly and South-westerly from a Town Way now known as Winslow Road as accepted March 27, 1950, to the North-Easterly terminus of a Town Way known as Glenmere Circle as accepted March 14, 1952, substantially as and in the location of the private way known as Glenmere Circle, the Boundaries and measurements of said way as so laid out are as follows:

Beginning at a point on the Southerly side line of said public town way known as Winslow Road as accepted March 27, 1950; said point being N. $71^{\circ}-30'-50''$ E., a distance of 208.42 feet measured along the said Southerly side line of Winslow Road from a stone bound set at the North-Westerly terminus of a curved line having a radius of 20.00 feet and a total length of 31.12 feet, to point of intersection of said Southerly side line of Winslow Road and the Westerly side line of West Street;

Thence by a curved line to the left, running in a South-Westerly direction, by lands of Henry A. Brodecki and Anna L. Brodecki, having a radius of 20.00 feet a length of 31.42 feet to a point of tangent;

Thence S. $180^{\circ}-29'-10''$ E. still by lands of said Henry A. Brodecki and Anna L. Brodecki and by lands of Edward J. Sullivan, Jr., Roy O. Beck and Mary F. Beck, John E. Weed and Virginia B. Weed, and lands of George Roman and Ella Roman a distance of 429.52 feet to an angle point at lands of M. Elwyn Walker and Ruth A. Walker;

Thence S. $71^{\circ}-30'-50''$ W., by lands of said M. Elwyn Walker et ux and by lands of Russell C. Copley, Stanton J. Dempsey and Katherine E. Dempsey, Robert E. Webb and Virginia P. Webb an unnumbered parcel of land shown as a future street, lands of Elmer B. Lincoln and Doris Lincoln and lands of Donald T. Teel a distance of 509.00 feet to a point, said point being the Westerly terminus of the Southerly side line of this layout; and at the North-Easterly terminus of the public town way known as Glenmere Circle as accepted March 14, 1952;

Thence N. $18^{\circ}-29'-10''$ W., by the North-Easterly terminus of said public town way known as Glenmere Circle as accepted March 14, 1952, a distance of 40.00 feet to a point; said point being at the Westerly terminus on the Northerly side line of this layout;

Thence N. $71^{\circ}-30'-50''$ E., by lands of William L. Gordon and Grace E. Gordon, Carl C. O'Brien and Elizabeth C. O'Brien, Howard T. Winter, Friend Lumber Company, and lands of Walter J. Smith and Josephine Smith, a distance of 450.00 feet to a point of curve;

Thence by a curved line to the left, running in a North-Easterly direction, having a radius of 20.00 feet, still by lands of said Walter J. Smith et ux, a length of 31.42 feet to a point of tangent;

Thence N. 18°-29'-10" W., still by lands of said Walter J. Smith et ux, and lands of George E. Earl and Helen D. Earl, George R. Barris and Lottie T. Barris, and lands of Raymond I. Parker and Doris A. Parker a distance of 369.92 feet to a point of curve;

Thence by a curved line to the left, running in a North-Westerly direction, having a radius of 20.00 feet, still by lands of said Raymond I. Parker, et ux a length of 31.42 feet to a point of tangent at the said Southerly side line of Winslow Road;

Thence N. 71°-30'-50" E., along said Southerly side line of Winslow Road, a distance of 80.00 feet to the point of beginning of this description.

The above described lines being more fully shown on a Plan entitled "Glenmere Circle (Extension), Reading, Mass.," dated January 1955, Board of Public Works, James T. Putnam, Superintendent, said Plan being a part of this description.

We determine that no damages will be sustained by any person or persons in their property by reason of the taking to be made for this improvement. All acts in connection with said laying out are done under the provisions of law authorizing the assessment of betterments, and betterments are to be assessed therefore.

This laying out so made by us we hereby report to the Town for acceptance and recommend that said way shall thereafter be known as a Public Town Way and named Glenmere Circle, and that the sum of Eight Thousand Five Hundred Eighteen (\$8,518.00) Dollars be raised and appropriated for said laying out and for the construction of said way.

(Signed) HAROLD D. KILGORE, Chairman
COLEMAN J. DONAHUE, Secretary
DOMENICK ZANNI, JR.
WALTER S. HOPKINS, JR.
KENNETH R. JOHNSON

Members of the Board of Public Works
Town of Reading

ARTICLE 43. On motion of Kenneth R. Johnson it was voted that the Town accept the report of the Board of Public Works on the laying out of a Private Way known as Lothrop Road and adopt the recommendations contained therein, and that the sum of Twelve Thousand Six Hundred Six (\$12,606.00) Dollars be transferred from Surplus Revenue and appropriated for the laying out and construction of said way, said sum to be apportioned as follows:

Seven Thousand One Hundred Six (\$7,106.00) Dollars for Salaries and Five Thousand Five Hundred (\$5,500.00) Dollars for expenses, and that the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized and instructed to transfer said sum to carry out the purpose of this vote.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Middlesex, ss.

Town of Reading

Report of the Board of Public Works on the Laying Out of Lothrop Road

The Board of Public Works of the Town of Reading having determined and adjudged that common convenience and necessity requires the laying out of a Town Way under the provisions of law authorizing the assessment of betterments, substantially in the location hereinafter described, having complied with all requirements of law relating to notice to the owners of land thereof and of a hearing thereon, and having met at the time and place appointed for such hearing and then and there heard all persons present who desired to be heard, have laid out as a Town Way for use of the Town running from a Town Way known as County Road as accepted March 19, 1934 in Westerly, North-erly and Easterly directions to said Town Way known as County Road, substantially as and in the location of the private way known as Lothrop Road, the boundaries and measurements of said way as so laid out are as follows:

Beginning at a point on the Westerly side line of said public town way known as County Road as accepted March 19, 1934, said point being N. $09^{\circ}17'40''$ W., a distance of 6.41 feet measured along the said Westerly side line of County Road from the Southerly terminus of the said Westerly side line of County Road;

Thence by a curved line to the Left, running in a North-Westerly direction, having a radius of 25.00 feet, by lands of Roy L. Battis and Gladys H. Battis, a length of 38.51 feet to a point of tangent;

Thence S. $82^{\circ}27'20''$ W., still by lands of said Roy L. Battis et ux, and by lands of Arthur Raedle Nelson and Anna Marion Nelson, Leslie H. York and Irene M. York and by a private way known as Jere Road, a distance of 361.85 feet to an angle point;

Thence N. $31^{\circ}22'00''$ W., by said Jere (Private) Road and by lands of Henry O. Swain, Jr., and Ruth A. Swain and lands of George H. Varney and Bessie F. Varney a distance of 162.03 feet to a point of curve;

Thence by a curved line to the Right, running in a North-Westerly direction, having a radius of 556.00 feet, still by land of said George H. Varney et ux, and by lands of Wayne E. Whittemore and Alice W. Whittemore and lands of Ralph A. Crosby Trustee, a length of 215.56 feet to a point of tangent;

Thence N. $08^{\circ}54'40''$ W., by said lands of Ralph A. Crosby Trustee a distance of 42.56 feet to a point of curve;

Thence by a curved line to the Right, running in a North-Easterly direction, having a radius of 138.80 feet, still by lands of said Ralph A. Crosby Trustee and lands of Herman W. Holmberg and Janet A. Holmberg and by a parcel of land marked, "40 feet Right of Way," and lands of Avis G. Sargent, Adelle L. Sargent and Grace E. Sargent, a length of 218.71 feet to a point of tangent;

Thence N. $81^{\circ}22'20''$ W., still by lands of said Avis G. Sargent et al, and by lands of Bertil R. Swanberg and Thelma E. Swanberg and by lands of Edna M. Kemp and Florence H. Sanborn, a distance of 136.76 feet to a point of curve;

Thence by a curved line to the Left, running in a North-Easterly direction, having a radius of 251.94 feet, still by lands of said Edna M. Kemp and Florence H. Sanborn and by lands of Alfred E. Murphy and Barbara C. Murphy, a length of 98.72 feet to a point of tangent;

Thence N. $58^{\circ}55'20''$ E., by said lands of Alfred E. Murphy and Barbara C. Murphy a distance of 47.50 feet to a point of curve;

Thence by a curved line to the Left, running in a North-Easterly direction, having a radius of 25.00 feet, still by lands of said Alfred E. Murphy et ux, a length of 39.27 feet to a point on the said Westerly side line of County Road;

Thence S. $31^{\circ}04'40''$ E., along said Westerly side line of County Road a distance of 41.00 feet to a point of curve;

Thence by a curved line to the Right, running in a South-Easterly direction having a radius of 560.00 feet still along said Westerly side line of County Road, a length of 61.21 feet to a point on said curve;

Thence by a curved line to the Left, running in a South-Westerly direction, having a radius of 24.42 feet, by lands of Ralph S. Sulmonetti and Phyllis A. Sulmonetti, a length of 41.03 feet to a point of tangent;

Thence S. $58^{\circ}55'20''$ W., still by lands of said Ralph S. Sulmonetti et ux a distance of 44.89 feet to a point of curve;

Thence by a curved line to the Right, running in a Westerly direction, having a radius of 301.94 feet, still by lands of said Ralph S. Sulmonetti et ux, and by lands of Kenneth L. Snow and Beverly P. Snow a length of 118.31 feet to a point of tangent;

Thence S. $81^{\circ}22'20''$ W., still by lands of said Kenneth L. Snow et ux and by lands of F. Clarabell Jackson and Wilma E. Buck and by lands of Harold D. Guy and Betty E. Guy a distance of 136.76 feet to a point of curve;

Thence by a curved line to the Left, running in a South-Westerly direction, having a radius of 88.80 feet, still by lands of said Harold D. Guy et ux a length of 139.93 feet to a point of tangent;

Thence S. $08^{\circ}54'40''$ E., still by lands of said Harold D. Guy et ux a length of 42.56 feet to a point of curve;

Thence by a curved line to the Left, running in a South-Easterly direction, having a radius of 500.00 feet, still by lands of said Harold D. Guy et ux and by lands of Louis Davis and Priscilla T. Davis and by lands of Robert E. Culver and Elizabeth L. Culver a distance of 195.96 feet to a point of tangent;

Thence S. $31^{\circ}22'00''$ E., by lands of said Robert E. Culver et ux a distance of 44.75 feet to a point of curve;

Thence by a curved line to the Left, running in a South-easterly direction, having a radius of 130.00 feet by land of said Robert E. Culver et ux and by lands of Chester C. Pease, Jr., and Elizabeth B. Pease a length of 150.15 feet to a point of tangent;

Thence N. 82°-27'-20" E., still by lands of said Chester C. Pease, Jr., et ux and by lands of Clifford W. Libby and Charlotte A. Libby and by lands of William W. Kimball, Jr., and Eleanor C. Kimball, a distance of 241.51 feet to a point of tangent;

Thence by a curved line to the Left, running in a North-Easterly direction, having a radius of 25.00 feet, still by lands of said William W. Kimball, Jr., et ux a length of 40.03 feet to a point on the said Westerly side line of County Road;

Thence S. 09°-17'-40" E., by said Westerly side line of County Road a distance of 100.05 feet to the point of beginning of this description.

The above described lines being more fully shown on a Plan entitled, "Lothrop Road, Reading, Mass.," dated January, 1955, Board of Public Works, James T. Putnam, Supt., said Plan being a part of this description.

We determine that no damage will be sustained by any person or persons in their property by reason of the taking to be made for this improvement. All acts in connection with said laying out are done under the provisions of law authorizing the assessment of betterments, and betterments are to be assessed therefore.

This laying out so made by us we hereby report to the Town for acceptance and recommend that said way shall thereafter be known as a Public Town Way and named Lothrop Road, and that the sum of Twelve Thousand, Six Hundred Six, (\$12,606.00) Dollars, be raised and appropriated for said laying out and for the construction of said way.

(Signed) HAROLD D. KILGORE, JR., Chairman

WALTER S. HOPKINS, JR.

DOMENICK ZANNI, JR.

KENNETH R. JOHNSON

Members of the Board of Public Works
Town of Reading

ARTICLE 44. On motion of Walter S. Hopkins, Jr. it was voted that the Town accept the report of the Board of Public Works on the laying out of a Private Way known as Jere Road and adopt the recommendations contained therein, and that the sum of One Thousand Five Hundred Fifty-seven (\$1,557.00) Dollars be transferred from Surplus Revenue and appropriated for the laying out and construction of said way, said sum to be apportioned as follows: Eight Hundred Fifty-seven (\$857.00) Dollars for Salaries and Seven Hundred (\$700.00) Dollars for Expenses, and that the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized and instructed to transfer said sum to carry out the purpose of this vote.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Middlesex, ss.

Town of Reading

Report of the Board of Public Works on the Laying Out of Jere Road

The Board of Public Works of the Town of Reading having determined and adjudged that common convenience and necessity require the laying out of a Town Way under the provisions of law authorizing the assessment of betterments, substantially in the location hereinafter described, having complied with all requirements of law relating to notice to the owners of land thereof and of a hearing thereon, and having met at the time and place appointed for such hearing and then and there heard all persons present who desired to be heard, have laid out as a Town way for the use of the Town running South-Westerly from a private way known as Lothrop Road to a dead end, substantially as and in the location of the private way known as Jere Road, the boundaries and measurements of said way as so laid out are as follows:

Beginning at a point on the Southerly side line of said private way known as Lothrop Road said point being S. $82^{\circ}27'20''$ W., a distance of 328.63 feet measured along the said Southerly side line of Lothrop Road from the Westerly side line of a public town way known as County Road;

Thence by a curved line to the Left, running in a South-Westerly direction, having a radius of 150.35 feet by lands of Leslie H. York and Irene M. York and by lands of Ralph A. Crosby Trustee a length of 83.85 feet to a point of tangent;

Thence S. $50^{\circ}30'$ W., still by lands of said Ralph A. Crosby Trustee, a distance of 39.92 feet to a point of curve;

Thence by a curved line to the Left running in a South-Westerly direction, having a radius of 30.00 feet, still by lands of Ralph A. Crosby Trustee, a length of 26.87 feet to a point of curve;

Thence by a curved line to the Right, running in South-Westerly, Northerly and North-Easterly directions, having a radius of 50.00 feet, by lands of said Ralph A. Crosby, Trustee and by lands of Norman E. Jones and Margaret E. Jones, Marion D. MacDonald and by lands of Henry O. Swain, Jr., and Ruth A. Swain, a length of 246.64 feet to a point of curve;

Thence by a curved line to the Left, running in a North-Easterly direction, having a radius of 30.00 feet, still by lands of said Henry O. Swain, Jr., and Ruth A. Swain, a length of 26.87 feet to a point of tangent;

Thence N. $50^{\circ}30'$ E., still by lands of said Henry O. Swain, Jr., and Ruth A. Swain a distance of 40.67 feet to a point of curve;

Thence by a curved line to the Left, running in a North-Easterly direction, having a radius of 40.00 feet, still by lands of said Henry O. Swain, Jr., and Ruth A. Swain, a length of 57.15 feet to a point of tangent at the South-Westerly side line of said Lothrop Road;

Thence S. 31°-22' E., along said South-Westerly side line of Lothrop Road, a distance of 67.39 feet to an angle point;

Thence N. 82°-27'-20" E., along said Southerly side line of Lothrop Road a distance of 57.47 feet to the point of beginning of this description.

The above described lines being more fully shown on Plan entitled "Jere Road, Reading, Mass.," dated February 1955, Board of Public Works, James T. Putnam, Supt., said Plan being a part of this description.

We determine that no damage will be sustained by any person or persons in their property by reason of the taking to be made for this improvement. All acts in connection with said laying out are done under the provisions of law authorizing the assessment of betterments, and betterments are to be assessed therefore.

This laying out so made by us we hereby report to the Town for acceptance and recommend that said way shall thereafter be known as a Public Town Way and named Jere Road, and that the sum of One Thousand Five Hundred Fiftyseven (\$1557.00) Dollars be raised and appropriated for said laying out and for the construction of said way.

(Signed) HAROLD D. KILGORE, Chairman
KENNETH R. JOHNSON
WALTER S. HOPKINS, JR.

Members of Board of Public Works
Town of Reading

ARTICLE 45. On motion of Walter S. Hopkins, Jr., it was voted that the Town accept the report of the Board of Public Works on the laying out of a Private Way known as Batchelder Road and adopt the recommendations contained therein, and that the sum of Eight Thousand and Four Hundred Sixty (\$8,460.00) Dollars be transferred from Surplus Revenue and appropriated for the laying out and construction of said way, said sum to be apportioned as follows:

Four Thousand Six Hundred Sixty (\$4,660.00) Dollars for Salaries and Three Thousand Eight Hundred (\$3,800.00) Dollars for Expenses, and that the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized and instructed to transfer said sum to carry out the purpose of this vote.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Middlesex, ss.

Town of Reading

Report of the Board of Public Works on the Laying Out of Batchelder Road

The Board of Public Works of the Town of Reading having determined and adjudged that common convenience and necessity require the laying out of a Town Way under the provisions of law authorizing the assessments of betterments, substantially in the location hereinafter described, having complied with all requirements of law relating to notice to the owners of land thereof and of a hearing thereon, and having met at the time and place appointed for such hearing and then and there heard all persons present who desired to be heard, have

laid out as a Town Way for the use of the Town running Westerly and Northerly from a County Way known as Haverhill Street as ordered by the County Commissioners in 1933, to a dead end, substantially as and in the location of the private way known as Batchelder Road, the boundaries and measurements of said way as so laid out are as follows:

Beginning at a point on the Westerly side line of said Haverhill Street, said point being located in a Northerly direction along the said Westerly curved side line of Haverhill Street, having a radius of 1356.35 feet, a length of 323.95 feet from a drill hole in a County stone bound set at a point of curve;

Thence by a curved line to the Left, running in a North-Westerly direction, by lands of Norman J. Atkinson and Carol G. Atkinson, having a radius of 60.00 feet, a length of 103.96 feet to a point of tangent;

Thence N. 68°-58'-10" W., still by lands of said Norman J. Atkinson and Carol G. Atkinson a distance of 73.37 feet to a point of curve;

Thence by a curved line to the Right, running in a North-Westerly direction, having a radius of 100.00 feet by lands of Melvin C. Sverker and Violet L. Sverker and by lands of Robert E. Marchand and Louise Marchand a distance of 142.04 feet to a point of curve;

Thence N. 12°-24'-50" E., still by lands of said Robert E. Marchand and Louise Marchand and by lands of Alban G. Sheehan and Mary C. Sheehan, Peter Govostes and Alice Govostes, Anthony J. DiIeso and Francis M. DiIeso and by lands of Charles Laquidara Jr. and Joan L. Laquidara a distance of 373.87 feet to a point of curve;

Thence by a curved line to the Right running in a North-Easterly direction, having a radius of 2040.00 feet by lands of said Charles Laquidara Jr. and Joan L. Laquidara a length of 79.35 feet to a point, said point being at the Northerly terminus of the Westerly side line of this layout;

Thence S. 75°-21'-29" E., by the Northerly terminus of this layout to lands of Oscar W. Batchelder and Dorothy J. Batchelder a distance of 40.00 feet to a point, said point being at the Northerly terminus of the Easterly side line of this layout;

Thence by a curved line to the Left, running in a Southerly direction by lands of said Oscar W. Batchelder and Dorothy J. Batchelder and by lands of Walter Vetromile and Lillian G. Vetromile, having a radius of 2000.00 feet, a length of 77.79 feet to a point of tangent;

Thence S. 12°-24'-50" W., still by lands of said Walter Vetromile and Lillian G. Vetromile, and by lands of Bradley S. Stevens and Helen A. Stevens, Domenic C. Scavangelli and Mary C. Scavangelli and lands of Alvin L. MacLeod and Mary E. MacLeod a distance of 373.87 feet to a point of curve;

Thence by a curved line to the Left, running in a South-Easterly direction, having a radius of 60.00 feet, still by lands of Alvin L. MacLeod and Mary E. MacLeod, a length of 85.22 feet to a point of tangent;

Thence S. 68°-58'-10" E., still by lands of said Alvin L. MacLeod and Mary E. MacLeod and by lands of Joseph E. Callahan and Anna H. Callahan a distance of 108.32 feet to a point of curve;

Thence by a curved line to the Left, running in a North-Easterly direction, having a radius of 60.00 feet, by lands of said Joseph E. Callahan and Anna H. Callahan, a length of 79.57 feet to a point of tangent at the said Westerly side line of Haverhill St.;

Thence S. 35°-02'-30" W., along said Westerly side line of Haverhill Street, a distance of 46.87 feet to a point of curve;

Thence by a curved line to the Left running in a Southerly direction, still along the said Westerly side line of Haverhill Street, having a radius of 1356.35 feet, a length of 112.02 feet to the point of beginning of this description.

The above described lines being more fully shown on a Plan entitled "Batchelder Road, Reading, Mass." dated January 1955, Board of Public Works, James T. Putnam, Supt.

We determine that no damages will be sustained by any person or persons in their property by reason of the taking to be made for this improvement. All acts in connection with said laying out are done under the provisions of law authorizing the assessment of betterments, and betterments are to be assessed therefore.

This laying out so made by us we hereby report to the Town for acceptance and recommend that said way shall thereafter be known as a Public Town Way and named Batchelder Road, and that the sum of Eight Thousand Four Hundred Sixty (\$8,460.00) Dollars be raised and appropriated for said laying out and for the construction of said way.

(Signed) HAROLD D. KILGORE, JR., Chairman
WALTER S. HOPKINS, JR.
DOMENICK ZANNI, JR.
KENNETH R. JOHNSON

Members of the Board of Public Works
Town of Reading

ARTICLE 46. On motion of Walter S. Hopkins, Jr. it was voted that the Town accept the report of the Board of Public Works on the laying out of a Private way known as Bolton Street and adopt the recommendations contained therein, and that the sum of Five Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety-five and Twenty-one one hundredths (\$5,795.21) Dollars be transferred from Surplus Revenue and appropriated for the laying out and construction of said way, said sum to be apportioned as follows:

Three Thousand One Hundred Ninety-five and Twenty-one one hundredths (\$3,195.21) Dollars for Salaries and Two Thousand Six Hundred (\$2,600.00) Dollars for expenses, and that the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized and instructed to transfer said sum to carry out the purpose of this vote.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Middlesex, ss.

Town of Reading

Report of the Board of Public Works on the Laying Out of Bolton Street

The Board of Public Works of the Town of Reading having determined and adjudged that common convenience and necessity require the laying out of a Town Way under the provisions of law authorizing the assessment of betterments, substantially in the location hereinafter described, having complied with all requirements of law relating to notice to the owner of land thereof and of a hearing thereon, and having met at the time and place appointed for such hearing and then and there heard all persons present who desired to be heard, have laid out as a Town Way for use of the Town running South-Easterly from a private way now known as Goodall-Sanford Road to a dead end, substantially as and in the location of the private way known as Bolton Street, the boundaries and measurements of said way as so laid out are as follows:

Beginning at a point on the North-Easterly side line of said private way known as Goodall-Sanford Road, said point being located by three courses respectively S. $140^{\circ}54'40''$ W., a distance of 255.00 feet measured along the Easterly side line of Main Street, S. $17^{\circ}03'55''$ E., a distance of 88.30 feet measured along the North-Easterly side line of Ash Street and S. $48^{\circ}09'10''$ E., a distance of 25.66 feet measured along the said North-Easterly side line of Goodall-Sanford (Private) Road, from a stone bound set at the intersection of the said Easterly side line of Main Street and the Southerly side line of Washington Street;

Thence by a curved line to the Left, having a radius of 40.00 feet, running in a South-Easterly direction by lands of Frederick M. Bowker and Natalie R. Bowker, a length of 24.60 feet to a point of tangent;

Thence S. $83^{\circ}24'10''$ E., still by lands of said Frederick M. Bowker and Natalie M. Bowker and by lands of Muriel Bolton, et al., Fred Granelli and Lena Granelli, Fred Granelli, Jr., and Frances P. Granelli, Quinn W. Jordan and Mary Ann Jordan and by lands of Charles H. Castor and Mary E. Castor, a distance of 564.76 feet to a point, said point being the Easterly terminus of the Northerly side line of this layout;

Thence S. $06^{\circ}35'50''$ W., by the Easterly terminus of this layout a distance of 40.00 feet to a point at lands of Goodall-Sanford, Inc.;

Thence N. $83^{\circ}24'10''$ W., by lands of said Goodall-Sanford, Inc., and by lands of Myron E. Wing and Charles H. Strout, Reading Lumber Company, and by lands of Simon D. Hubbard and Mary D. Hubbard, a distance of 489.32 feet to a point of curve;

Thence by a curved line to the Left running in a South-Westerly direction having a radius of 10.00 feet, still by lands of said Simon D. Hubbard and Mary D. Hubbard, a length of 25.56 feet to a point of tangent at the said North-Easterly side line of Goodall-Sanford Road;

Thence N. 48°-09'-10" W., along said North-Easterly side line of Goodall-Sanford Road, a distance of 113.42 feet to the point of beginning of this description.

The above described lines being more fully shown on a Plan entitled, "Bolton Street, Reading, Mass.," dated January 17, 1955, Board of Public Works, James T. Putnam, Supt., said Plan being a part of this description.

We determine that no damages will be sustained by any person or persons in their property by reason of the taking to be made for this improvement. All acts in connection with said laying out are done under the provisions of law authorizing the assessment of betterments, and betterments are to be assessed therefore.

This laying out so made by us we hereby report to the Town for acceptance and recommend that said way shall thereafter be known as a public Town Way and named Bolton Street, and that the sum of Five Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety-five (\$5,795.00) Dollars, be raised and appropriated for said laying out and for the construction of said way.

(Signed) HAROLD D. KILGORE, Chairman
KENNETH R. JOHNSON
WALTER S. HOPKINS, JR.

Members of the Board of Public Works
Town of Reading

ARTICLE 47. On motion of Harold D. Kilgore, Jr., it was voted that the sum of Three Thousand Seven Hundred Forty and Sixteen One Hundredths (\$3,740.16) Dollars be appropriated from Surplus Revenue for the construction of sewers, sewerage works and other sewerage facilities to be used in such locations as the Board of Public Works may determine, said appropriation shall be apportioned as follows: Two Thousand Forty-one and one hundredth (\$2,041.01) Dollars for Salaries and One Thousand Six Hundred Ninety-nine and Fifteen one hundredths (\$1,660.15) Dollars for Expenses, said sum to be expended by and under the direction of the Board of Public Works, and that the Town Accountant be and hereby is authorized and instructed to transfer said sum to carry out the purpose of this vote.

ARTICLE 48. On motion of Harold D. Kilgore, Jr., it was voted that the sum of One Thousand Six Hundred (\$1,600.00) Dollars be transferred from Surplus Revenue and appropriated for the resurfacing with bituminous Macadam of two tennis courts in Birch Meadow Playground, said sum to be expended by and under the direction of the Board of Public Works and that the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized and instructed to transfer said sum to carry out the purpose of this vote.

ARTICLE 49. On motion of Harold D. Kilgore, Jr. it was voted that the sum of One Thousand Two Hundred (\$1,200.00) Dollars be raised and appropriated for the construction of two cement block field houses not exceeding One Hundred (100) square feet in floor area for the storage of playground equipment at Washington Street Playground and

Memorial Park, said sum to be expended by and under the direction of the Board of Public Works.

ARTICLE 50. On motion of Harold D. Kilgore, Jr. it was voted that the sum of Thirty-nine Thousand Five Hundred Fifty (\$39,550.00) Dollars be raised and appropriated by transferring Twenty-three Thousand Four Hundred Forty-eight and Thirty-one hundredth (\$23,448.30) Dollars of said sum from the Road Machinery Fund to the Road Machinery Operating Account and the remaining sum of Sixteen Thousand One Hundred One and Seventy-one hundredths (\$16,101.70) Dollars be raised from the Tax Levy and that the total sum of Thirty-nine Thousand Five Hundred Fifty (\$39,550.00) Dollars be appropriated for the maintenance, repair and operation of road machinery and for the purchase by the Board of Public Works of Two (2) $\frac{3}{4}$ Ton Pick-up Trucks, Two (2) $1\frac{1}{2}$ Ton Dump Trucks, Two (2) $2\frac{1}{2}$ Ton Dump Trucks, and One (1) Cubic Yard Front End Loader and the proceeds received from the old equipment not exceeding Four Thousand (\$4,000.00) shall be appropriated in addition to the above mentioned sum of Thirty-nine Thousand Five Hundred Fifty (\$39,550.00) Dollars as part of the purchase price for the above mentioned equipment and that the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized and instructed to transfer said amount to carry out the purpose of this vote.

ARTICLE 51. On motion of Walter S. Hopkins, Jr. it was voted that the sum of Six Thousand Five Hundred (\$6,500.00) Dollars be raised and appropriated for the purpose of improving and constructing a portion of West Street from Woburn Street toward the Wilmington-Reading Town Line, of which amount One Thousand Two Hundred Seventy-four and Forty-one One Hundredths (\$1,274.41) Dollars shall be transferred from the unexpended balance of the 1953 Charles Street Chapter 90 Construction Account and Three Thousand Three Hundred Thirty-three and Ninety-six One Hundredth (\$3,333.96) Dollars shall be transferred from the unexpended balance of the 1954 Charles Street Chapter 90 Construction Account and One Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety-one and Sixty-three one hundredths (\$1,891.63) Dollars shall be raised from the Tax Levy, together with such sums as may be provided by the State and County under Section 34 of Chapter 90 of the General Laws, and that the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized and instructed to transfer said sums to carry out the purpose of this vote.

ARTICLE 52. On motion of Walter S. Hopkins, Jr. it was voted that the sum of One Thousand Five Hundred (\$1,500.00) Dollars be raised and appropriated from the Tax Levy for maintaining, repairing and resurfacing streets constructed under Section 34 of Chapter 90 of the General Laws together with such sums as may be provided by the State and County.

On motion of Harold D. Kilgore, Jr. it was voted that ARTICLE 53 be indefinitely postponed.

ARTICLE 54. On motion of Walter S. Hopkins, Jr., it was voted that the sum of Nine Hundred Sixty (\$960.00) Dollars be raised and

appropriated for salaries for cleaning the Town Parking Areas located westerly of Main Street and Northerly of Haven Street, and Northerly of Haven Street and Easterly of Chute Street.

Article 55 and 56 see Pages 35 and 36.

ARTICLE 57. On motion of Harold F. Davis it was voted that the sum of Two Thousand (\$2,000.00) Dollars be appropriated from the Cemetery Reserve Fund receipts from the sale of lots and graves in Laurel Hill Cemetery and Forest Glen Cemetery for maintenance, care, improvement and embellishment of said cemeteries under the provisions of Section 15 of Chapter 114 of the General Laws.

ARTICLE 58. On motion of Robert E. Turner it was voted that the sum of Seven Thousand (\$7,000.00) Dollars of which sum \$5,350.00 is for personal services and \$1,650.00 for expenses, be raised and appropriated for the purpose of conducting and promoting recreation, play, sports, physical education and other social, educational and recreational activities upon such land and buildings as defined in Section 14 of Chapter 45 of the General Laws with authority to exercise all powers conferred therein including the purchase of the necessary equipment and the employment of teachers, supervisors and other officers and employees and the fixing of their compensation.

ARTICLE 59. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the sum of Twenty-five Hundred (\$2500.00) Dollars be raised and appropriated for the purpose of settling litigation pending in the Middlesex Superior Court relating to accident which occurred on August 27, 1951 on Summer Avenue, involving Marion A. Conant now deceased.

ARTICLE 60. On motion of Lawrence Drew it was voted that the sum of Six Hundred (\$600.00) Dollars be raised and appropriated for the eradication of mosquitoes in the Town, such sum to be expended under the supervision of the Board of Health.

ARTICLE 61. On motion of Lawrence A. Cate it was voted that Article 61 be indefinitely postponed.

ARTICLE 62. On motion of James T. Putnam, a member of the Committee on Town Forests it was voted that the Board of Selectmen be and they hereby are authorized to acquire for and in behalf of the Town by purchase, right of eminent domain or otherwise for the purpose of extending the Public Domain or Town Forest the following described parcel of land and that the sum of One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars be raised and appropriated for the acquisition of said land:

A parcel of land containing four (4) acres, more or less, in Dividence Meadow, so called, bounded and described as follows:

Northerly by lands of the Inhabitants of the Town of Reading known as the Reading Town Forest;

Westerly and Southerly by lands now or formerly of David W. Davis; Easterly by lands now or formerly of Frank H. Whitchurch.

127 voted in the affirmative.

0 voted in the negative.

ARTICLE 63. On motion of Lawrence Drew it was voted that the sum of One Thousand (\$1,000.00) Dollars be raised and appropriated for the observance of the Christmas Season of 1955 by the decoration and illumination of public buildings and public streets and the decoration of Christmas trees upon municipal land.

ARTICLE 64. On motion of Frank M. Stevens it was voted that the sum of Fifteen Hundred (\$1500.00) Dollars be raised and appropriated for the purpose of providing by lease or otherwise suitable headquarters for Reading Post 62 of the American Legion.

86 voted in the affirmative.

29 voted in the negative.

ARTICLE 65. On motion of Ernest C. Metcalf it was voted that the sum of Six Hundred Sixty (\$660.00) Dollars be raised and appropriated for the purpose of providing by lease or otherwise, suitable headquarters for Reading Post 685 Veterans of Foreign Wars.

ARTICLE 66. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the sum of Six Hundred (\$600.00) Dollars be raised and appropriated for Child Welfare Work to be expended under the direction of the Reading Visiting Nurse Association and the Board of Health.

ARTICLE 67. On motion of Lawrence Drew it was voted that the sum of One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars be raised and appropriated under the provisions of Sections 40 and 45, Chapter 128 of the General Laws, and the Board of Selectmen be and they hereby are authorized to appoint a Director to cooperate with the Middlesex County Trustees for the County Aid to Agriculture and work of the Middlesex County Extension Service and the 4-H Clubs.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted to take Article 4 from the table.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that Article 4 be indefinitely postponed.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted to take Article 3 from the table.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that Article 3 be indefinitely postponed.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted to take Article 2 from the table.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that Article 2 be indefinitely postponed.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the meeting be adjourned, sine die, at 9:15 P.M.

133 Precinct Members were present.

A true copy. Attest:

BOYD H. STEWART, Town Clerk

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Senior High School Auditorium

October 27, 1955

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Charles P. Howard, at 8:00 P.M.

The warrant was partially read by the Town Clerk when on motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted to dispense with further reading of the warrant, except the Constable's Return, which was then read by the Town Clerk.

ARTICLE 1. The following report was read by Robert G. Clinch.

Report of Planning Board

Your Planning Board had a public hearing in Room 19 of the Municipal Building on Lowell Street, Reading on Monday, July 11, 1955 at 8:00 P.M. under Authority of Section 6 of Chapter 40A of the General Laws upon the proposed amendment to the zoning by-law and zoning map, which would change the following area from an A1 residence district to the industrial district.

Beginning at the point of intersection of the center line of John Street and the center line of a private way known as Lakeview Avenue;

Thence running in a Northeasterly direction along the center line of said Lakeview (Private) Avenue, a distance of approximately three hundred forty (340) feet to an angle point in said center line;

Thence turning and running in a more Easterly direction, still by said center line of Lakeview (Private) Avenue, a distance of approximately five hundred forty-five (545) feet to a point where the extension of the property division line between lots 89 and 90 shown on Town of Reading Assessor's Plat 47 meets the center line of said Lakeview (Private) Avenue;

Thence turning and running in a Southwesterly direction still by said Lakeview (Private) Avenue and along the division property line between said Lots 89 and 90, a distance of approximately two hundred thirty (230) feet to the present Industrial District;

Thence Westerly by the present Industrial District to the center line of John Street;

Thence in a Northwesterly direction by the center line of John Street to the point of beginning of this description.

At this hearing several citizens and the representatives of interested Town Boards attended. All who spoke at the hearing were in favor of the change and we had no one recorded in opposition.

Your Planning Board believes that this change would be advisable. We feel that the general characteristics of this lot of land lends itself ideally to an industrial development and we feel that Lakeview Avenue is a natural break between the residential and industrial zones. As you can see with reference to the zoning map this area is immediately adjacent to the present industrial area. Looking ahead we visualize

this whole area from the Town Line nearest Route 128 through to this Lakeview Avenue boundary as containing modern industry which should prove an economic benefit to the Town.

At this hearing it was indicated that the particular section under discussion had attracted at least one possible industrial buyer.

We, therefore, present this final report to the Town Meeting with the recommendation that this change be accepted.

Respectfully submitted,
(Signed) ROBERT G. CLINCH

W. FRANKLIN BURNHAM, JR.

A. ERNEST CORINDIA

BENJAMIN M. HARTSHORN, JR.

WILLIAM D. SOMMERS

Planning Board
Town of Reading

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted the report be accepted and placed on file.

ARTICLE 1. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the Town Forest Committee and Board of Selectmen be and they hereby are instructed to make available for the Reading Boy Scouts for a camp site, a portion of the Town Forest and to establish such rules and regulations as they may deem advisable governing the use of such premises by the Scouts.

On motion of Harold L. Jones it was moved that the following be substituted for Mr. Latham's motion:

That the Planning Board be and hereby are instructed to take such action as may be necessary to rezone the area bounded roughly by Main Street, South Street, Curtis Street and Route 128 from Business C to Residence A. (Applies to the following motion).

This motion was lost.

ARTICLE 1. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the Board of Selectmen be and they hereby are instructed to take necessary action to extend welcome to the Addison-Wesley Publishing Company, Inc. to locate its publishing business in the Town on parcel of land on South Street near Route 128, which location is within the Business C District under the Town Zoning By-law and to cooperate with the Company in the matter of making available the Municipal facilities necessary for its proposed building and its contemplated business.

ARTICLE 1. The following report was read by Wendell H. Packard:

**Report of the Special Committee to Study the Fluoridation
of the Town of Reading Public Water Supply**

The committee is studying the considerable volume of literature available concerning fluoridation, and meeting at intervals to correlate

and condense this data into a report for the information of the town meeting members at the annual meeting in March.

LOUISE B. JENKINS
MRS. HARRY UPSON CAMP
HAROLD D. KILGORE, JR.
DR. CHARLES R. BAISLEY
NEWELL H. MORTON
CLEMENT T. GLEASON
WENDELL H. PACKARD
H. F. McRELL, JR.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that report be accepted as a report of progress and placed on file.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted to place Article 1 on the table.

ARTICLE 2. On motion of Gilbert M. Lothrop it was voted that the sum of Three thousand (\$3,000) Dollars be appropriated by transferring Seventeen Hundred Fifty (\$1750) Dollars from Surplus Revenue and Twelve Hundred Fifty (\$1250) Dollars from the Interest Account and that said sums be transferred to Veterans Benefits Aid Account and the Town Accountant be and hereby is authorized and instructed to transfer said amount to said account.

ARTICLE 3. On motion of Gilbert M. Lothrop it was voted that the Board of Selectmen be and they hereby are authorized to lease upon such terms and conditions as they may determine a small triangular piece of land situated on the Southerly side of Haven Street and adjoining the premises now occupied by the Municipal Light Department which lot has frontage on Haven Street of 14.01 feet and depth of 86.39 feet and estimated to contain 605 square feet of land and said Board are further authorized to execute for and in behalf of the Town a lease running to the Lessee in such form and upon such terms and conditions as the Board may deem advisable.

ARTICLE 4. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the gift of the residue of the Estate of the late Harriet Foster under the twelfth clause of her will be and the same hereby is accepted, such gift to be held in trust with other funds bequeathed to the Town for the establishment of a hospital as provided in said Will and the Town Treasurer be and he hereby is authorized to execute for and in behalf of the town a release or other documents acknowledging the receipt of such bequest.

ARTICLE 5. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the gift of Twelve Thousand (\$12,000.) Dollars under the tenth clause of the Will of the late Harriet Foster to be held in trust for the use of the Reading Public Library as provided in said Will be and the same hereby is accepted and the Town Treasurer be and he hereby is authorized to execute for and in behalf of the Town the Release or other documents acknowledging receipt of such bequest.

ARTICLE 6. On motion of Lawrence Drew it was voted that the sum of Five Hundred (\$500) Dollars be appropriated by transferring said sum from the Fire Alarm Maintenance Expense Account to the Fire Alarm Maintenance Salaries Account and the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized and instructed to transfer said sum to said account.

ARTICLE 7. On motion of Lawrence Drew it was voted that Article 7 be indefinitely postponed.

ARTICLE 8. On motion of Lawrence Drew it was voted that Article 8 be indefinitely postponed.

ARTICLE 9. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the Board of Selectmen be and they hereby are authorized for and in behalf of the Town to convey or abandon for the minimum sum of Two Hundred (\$200) Dollars and upon such other terms and conditions as they may determine the easement acquired by the Town for drainage purposes and located on the Southwesterly side of John Street and extending to Ash Street and shown as two separate easement areas and bounded:

First Parcel: Beginning at the Town line on the Southerly side of John Street and running in a Northwesterly direction a distance of 20 feet more or less; thence turning and running in a Southwesterly direction for a distance of 844 feet more or less; thence turning and running in a Southeasterly direction for a distance of 20 feet more or less; thence turning and running in a Northeasterly direction for a distance of 842 feet more or less to the point of beginning. Said parcel containing 16,860 square feet more or less.

Second parcel: Beginning at the most Northerly corner of the easement area at land of the Boston & Maine R.R.; thence Southwesterly 1227 feet more or less to Ash Street; thence turning and running Southeasterly by Ash Street 20 feet; thence turning and running Northeasterly feet more or less to land of the Boston & Maine R.R. and thence turning and running Northwesterly by land of the Boston & Maine R.R. 20 feet to the point of beginning. Said parcel containing 24,560 square feet more or less.

And said Board of Selectmen be and they hereby are authorized to execute for and in behalf of the Town such conveyance or abandonment of such easement together with such other instruments which may be necessary in connection therewith.

Voted 113 Affirmative

0 Negative

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that Article 10 be indefinitely postponed.

ARTICLE 11. On motion of Robert G. Clinch it was voted that the Zoning By-Law and Zoning Map be and the same hereby is amended by changing the area hereinafter described from the Residence A-1 District to the Industrial District:

Beginning at the point of intersection of the center line of John Street and the center line of a private way known as Lakeview Avenue;

Thence running in a Northeasterly direction along the center line of said Lakeview (Private) Avenue a distance of approximately three hundred forty (340) feet to an angle point in said center line;

Thence turning and running in a more Easterly direction, still by said center line of Lakeview (Private) Avenue, a distance of approximately five hundred forty-five (545) feet to a point where the extension of the property division line between lots 89 and 90 shown on Town of Reading Assessor's Plat 47 meets the center line of said Lakeview (Private) Avenue;

Thence turning and running in a Southwesterly direction still by said Lakeview (Private) Avenue and along the division property line between said Lots 89 and 90, a distance of approximately two hundred thirty (230) feet to the present Industrial District;

Thence Westerly by the present Industrial District to the center line of John Street;

Thence in a Northwesterly direction by the center line of John Street to the point of beginning of this description. Voted 116 Yes, 0 No.

ARTICLE 12. On motion of Robert E. Turner it was moved that there be allotted the sum of Twenty Thousand (\$20,000.) Dollars from the appropriation of \$2,400,000.00 voted under Article 33 at the Annual Town Meeting held March 19, 1951 and said sum of Twenty thousand (\$20,000.) Dollars be allotted for the purpose of finish grading including seeding of land in Birch Meadow adjacent to the new High School and covering approximately 20,000 square yards of Area 3 shown on Plan made in 1954 by Whitman & Howard Engineers, a copy of which Plan is filed in the Town Clerk's Office.

43 voted in the affirmative.

57 voted in the negative.

This motion was lost.

ARTICLE 13. On motion of Harold L. Jones it was voted that the Schedule of Minimum and Maximum salaries to be paid to employees in the positions included in the Employees Classification Plan be amended by striking out the hourly and weekly minimum and maximum as appearing therein and substituting in place thereof under the Job Classifications the following new hourly and weekly minimum and maximum rates:

Classification

Section 5. Municipal Light Department

	Weekly Rate	
	Min.	Max.
Manager	173.07	211.53

Section 10. Fire Department

	Hourly Rate	
	Min.	Max.
Extra or part time work .....	.75	1.39

ARTICLE 14. On motion of Harold D. Kilgore, Jr. it was voted that the sum of Twenty-one Thousand (\$21,000.) Dollars be appropriated by transferring said sum from the Water Available Surplus to the Account for construction, maintenance and operation of water works, to be apportioned One Thousand (\$1,000.) Dollars for Personal Services and Twenty Thousand (\$20,000.) Dollars for Expenses and the Town Accountant be and hereby is authorized and instructed to transfer said sum to carry out the purpose of this vote.

ARTICLE 15. On motion of Kenneth R. Johnson it was voted that the sum of Nine Hundred (\$900.) Dollars be appropriated from the Drainage Construction Expense Account and transferred for the payment of land damages caused by the relocation of Birch Meadow Brook, so-called, from near John Carver Road to Intervale Terrace and the Town Accountant be and hereby is authorized and instructed to transfer said sum to carry out the purpose of this vote.

ARTICLE 16. On motion of Walter S. Hopkins, Jr. it was voted that the sum of One Thousand (\$1,000.) Dollars be appropriated by transferring said sum from the Maintenance of Storm Drains Personal Services Account to the Maintenance of Storm Drain Expense Account and the Town Accountant be and hereby is authorized and instructed to transfer said sum to said account.

ARTICLE 17. On motion of Edouard N. Dube it was voted that the Town acquire by purchase for enlargement of the Forest Glen Cemetery a lot of land containing 3048 square feet and shown as Lot A on Plan of Lots situated in Reading, Mass., dated October 1, 1955 made by Harold F. Davis, Supt. of Cemeteries, Town of Reading and bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at an iron pipe at the most Westerly corner thereof at land of the Inhabitants of the Town of Reading (Forest Glen Cemetery) and land of James T. Putnam and Charlotte R. Putnam;

Thence S. 83°-37'-20" E. by Forest Glen Cemetery 153.30 feet to a Cement Bound;

Thence turning and running S. 12°-36'-20" W. by Forest Glen Cemetery 40 feet;

Thence turning and running N. 68°-40'-30" W. by land of Reading Acres, Inc., 154.18 feet to the iron pipe and the point of beginning, and the Board of Selectmen are hereby authorized for and in behalf of the Town to convey in exchange for the above described Lot a small triangular piece of land containing 3048 square feet and shown as Lot B on said Plan and bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the Southwesterly corner thereof at a drill hole at land now of Reading Acres, Inc.;

Thence N. 12°-36'-20" W. by land of Reading Acres, Inc., 40 feet;

Thence turning and running S. 75°-35'-00" E. by land of the Inhabitants of the Town of Reading (Forest Glen Cemetery) 152.47 feet to land of Reading Acres, Inc.

Thence turning and running S. 89°-36'-20" W. by land of Reading Acres, Inc. 156.40 feet to the drill hole and the point of beginning, and said Board of Selectmen are further authorized to execute for and in behalf of the Town such conveyance and other instruments which may be necessary in connection therewith and that the sum of Sixty-five (\$65) Dollars be appropriated by transferring said sum from the Cemetery Expense Account and the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized and instructed to transfer said sum to carry out the purpose of this vote.

Voted: 78 Affirmative

0 Negative

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted to take Article 1 from the table.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that Article 1 be indefinitely postponed.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted to adjourn, sine die, at 10:20 P.M.

126 Precinct Members present.

A true copy. Attest:

BOYD H. STEWART, Town Clerk

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN TOWN OF READING FOR YEAR 1955

Date	Name	Parents
January		
1	Stephen Mark Young	Leon J. and Marion F.
2	Janet Elizabeth Cumming	Alexander B. and Ruth
3	Charles Sidney Storey	Robert I. and Winifred C.
3	Robert Domenic Tassone	Domenic S. and Marie J.
4	Sally Anne Howard	Donald R. and Marian L.
4	Joan Alice Watson	Theodore R. and Phyllis M.
5	Timothy Mullins	Timothy J. and Phyllis I.
6	Jack Edward Andrew, Jr.	Jack E. and Gladys M.
6	Lawrence Richard Flanders	Richard L. and Marilyn M.
10	Lynne Patricia LaCascia	Peter F. and Ellen G.
11	Brian Robert Gavin	Michael J. and Jean B.
12	James Drew Brackett	David H. and Nena W.
13	Sheila Rose Cavanaugh	Robert L. and Elizabeth
15	Robert Anthony Fierro	Joseph N. and Edith M.
16	Shaun Michael Caisse	Shaun F. P. and Alice F.
16	Ruth Elizabeth Nichols	Charles H. and Margaret S.
16	Richard George Spencer	Philip W. and Barbara
18	Jeffrey Anthony Senecal	Roland W. and Evelyn R.
19	Douglass Frank Lobdell	Harvey J. and Betty D.
19	Kenneth Houghton Fosbroke	Gerald E. and Katherine F.
21	Daniel Joseph Bogan, Jr.	Daniel J. and Ruth L.
23	Michael Alan Carpenella	Felix F. and Lucy
23	Ann Marie Doucette	Paul L. and Margaret M.
24	Alfred Nicholas Meegan, Jr.	Alfred N. and Louise R.
27	Margaret Curran	William J. and Eleanor L.
27	Barry Russell Warren	William M. and Mary S.
31	Kevin Michael Murphy	Joseph J. and Alberta C.
February		
1	Robert Andrew Houle	Leo J. and Rose T.
1	Gretchen Lyn Van Horn	Corliss T. and Alma L.
3	Douglas Alan MacIntire	Alan M., Jr. and Doris
5	Betsy Ellen Palmer	Edward W. and Grace
6	Gary Joseph Cox	Walter M. and Audrey M.
6	Bruce Kevin McNamara	Joseph R. and Edith F.
7	Patricia Berry	Gordon R. and Patricia
7	Keith Roger Broadley	Harry R., Jr. and Betty M.
8	Valerie Jean Bridge	William H., Jr. and Virginia R.
9	Steven Alan Bulley	Gilbert F. and Mary E.
9	Kim Wallis	Lloyd, Jr., and Barbara A.
12	Michael Francis Xavier Freeman	Frederick C. and Caroline M.
15	David Joseph Ruderman	Joseph and Bettie L.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN TOWN OF READING FOR YEAR 1955

Date	Name	Parents
February		
16	Sheryl Lewis	Ralph T. and Marilyn R.
16	Robert Bryon Pulsifer	Marshall D., Jr. and Martha J.
19	Paul John McGuire	Paul V. and Anne P.
22	Rebecca Maxfield Davis	John B., Jr. and Barbara W.
24	Richard Charles Wakeling	Robert W. and Elizabeth B.
27	Steven Kenrick Naugler	Albert W. and Cynthia A.
28	Susan Jeanne Stiles	James L. and Jeanne B.
March		
1	Peter Stuart MacLeod	Herbert W., Jr. and Marilyn D.
2	Lorraine Rooney	Frederic W. and Veronica E.
3	Elizabeth Jane Drillio	Raymond P. and Florence
3	Linda Dorine Spence	Ernest G. and Joan D.
5	Benjamin Howe	Lemuel H. and Jean A.
6	Deborah Sue Hemenway	Alvin R. and Norma R.
11	Thomas Leslie Conary	William R. and Effie G.
12	Katherine Elizabeth Scanlan	Thomas M. and Marie K.
13	Erick Stephen Bechtel	Edward J. and Mary E.
14	Susan Gracie MacLeod	Lawrence S. and Marion H.
14	— MacKenzie	James A. and Carmella
16	Lynne Anne Caithness	William and Marilyn S.
18	Paul Bertil Gustafson	Bertil F. and Elsie M.
19	Kevin Lewis Hopper	Lewis A. and Alta P.
19	Kim Anderson	Richard M. and Dorothy M.
19	Sandra Irene Evans	Richard D. and Gertrude I.
20	Nancy Elaine McIntire	Edward D. and Florence E.
21	Darlene Marie Roberts	Richard A. and Margaret A.
24	Cynthia Jean Taibbi	Rocco and Jean I.
25	Edward Mark Selfridge, Jr.	Edward M. and Dorothy M.
25	Steven MacMaster Jones	Leonard M. and Nancy E.
26	Lynn Marie Anderson	Bengt H. and Doris J.
26	Linda Anne Arthur	Paul W. and Emily M.
28	Aileen Looney	Richard J. and K. Jean
29	Margaret Mary O'Toole	Leo F. and Mildred L.
31	Douglas Banks Leslie	Malcolm B. and Nancy A.
31	Peter Wayne Littlefield	Robert H. and Betty A.
April		
1	Susan Mary DeFerrari	William S., Jr. and Patricia M.
1	John Charles Twomey, Jr.	John C. and Katherine F.
4	Michael Alan Forsythe	William D. and Ruby L.
5	Richard Edgar Austin	John H. and Margaret H.
7	Joan Ann Maliar	John R. III and June F.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN TOWN OF READING FOR YEAR 1955

Date	Name	Parents
April		
8	Larry Charles Thies	Charles H. and Marian F.
14	Russell Chester Moore	Carl R., Jr. and Judith
14	David Grimes	James H., Jr. and Marguerite E.
15	Deborah Ruth MacLeod	Bruce T. and Marsha B.
15	Janet Elaine Spousta	Robert F. and Alta I.
15	Cathy Ann Hubbard	Edward M. and Marilyn F.
15	Deborah Lynn Benson	Earle D. and Evelyn A.
15	Jeffrey Alan Keith	John R. and Laurel
15	Jeffrey James Trites	Donald E. and Barbara A.
16	Sydney Ann Neilson	Richard B. and Ann B.
17	Wendie Lilayne Bugbee	Newell S. and Katherine P.
18	Elinor Neilson	Norman E. and Vida E.
18	Ann Marie Comita	John R. and Marion J.
19	Douglas Carl Popp	Malcolm C. and Dorothy A.
21	Judith Rae Flynn	Cornelius J. and Marie T.
23	Walter Henry Flinn, IV	Walter H. III and Mary L.
23	James Edward Fuller	Richard L. and Mary E.
25	Elaine Ellen Carter	Russell E. and Betty J.
26	Roger Bradford Parker	Charles E. and Helen K.
26	Steven Wilson Smith	Wilson R. and Amanda B.
27	Leslie Ann Vincent	Francis C. and Anne H.
29	Diane Marie Borgatti	Louis J. and Virginia A.
29	Robin Lane Richmond	William J. and Patricia R.
30	Scott Richard Farrow	John G. and Dorothea M.
30	Sandra Jean White	Loring C. and Cynthia
30	Susan Eileen Murphy	Michael F. and Lois M.
30	Krista Victoria Carlson	Robert B. and E. Virginia
May		
2	Donna Jean Doucette	John C. and Dorothy M.
2	Dennis Andrew Haywood	Frederick W. and Barbara A.
3	Wayne Erickson Feltham	Richard P. and Karna L.
3	— Turner	Theodore W., Jr. and Leslie A.
3	William Joseph Staniewicz, Jr.	William J. and Doris H.
3	Jan Marshall	William H. and Joan-Anne
5	John William Thompson	Clifford B. and Leona E.
5	Christopher Paul Robinson	Stanley I. and Erline M.
6	Thomas Lyle Gish	Lyle L. and Helen M.
7	James Frances Keefe II	Charles W. and Betty
8	Kevin Alan McManus	Frederick A. and Alice E.
9	Bradford Ocran Saunders	Ocran O. and Elsie L.
9	Barry Stephen Doubleday	William A. and Theresa A.
12	Martha Paynter	Henry M., Jr. and Gayllis A.
14	David Mark Griffin	Robert D. and Dorothy E.

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Date	Name	Parents
May		
14	Deborah Louise Boyd	Kenneth W. and Joan W.
15	Robert Francis Hoyt	Henry H. and Beatrice L.
15	Glenn Thomas Higginbotham	Herbert, Jr. and Doris M.
16	Andrea Syer	William A. and Harriett
17	Kenneth Scott Gibson	Kenneth C. and Kathleen A.
17	Christopher Stephen Robbins	Richard J. and Elsie L.
19	Corinne Lucille Bonfield	Charles S. and Betty A.
19	Andrew Stephen MacLeod	Alvin L. and Mary E.
19	Michael McCarron	Robert A. and Jeanne M.
21	Rae Marie Webb	William J., Jr. and Beverly A.
24	Janet Deborah Flint	Richard G. and Brenda
24	Robert Edward Murray	Robert D. and Florence D.
25	Carol Ann Hughes	Robert A., Jr. and Patricia G.
25	Philip Gardner Perry	Charles D. and Jeanette A.
26	Wendy Pendergast	Joseph L. and Marjorie
27	Joel Michael Faulkenberry	Ferris Jr. and Esther M.
27	Christopher Charles Dinan	Edward J. and Catherine
27	Robert Earl Runge, Jr.	Robert E. and Dorothy E.
27	Gail Mary Wheeler	Ronald O. and Marie P.
June		
2	Cameron Dreux Cormier	Raymond E. and Alice E.
3	Frank Bruce Alioto	Frank J. and Mary
3	Deborah Sue Smith	Raynor D. and Elizabeth G.
5	Barbara Whitney Fairchild	John B. and Shirley E.
6	Wayne John Sitar	Andrew A. and Lorraine J.
7	Diane Gay Thompson	Ralph M. and Phyllis H.
7	Edward Gerard O'Brien	Maurice J. and Mary E.
8	Ellen Judith Chamberlain	James T. and Natella M.
8	Raylene Carol Gardner	Raymond R. and Margaret I.
9	Gary Wayne Hertel	Wilbert W. and Phyllis M.
11	Deborah Ann Meier	Joseph M. and Florence M.
11	George Arthur Graham	Robert M. and Hermeana E.
12	David Michael Eldredge	Clarence R. and Phyllis M.
12	William Edwin Webb	Walter C. and Phyllis G.
14	Janice Louise Alonzo	William and Cecelia B.
14	Jeffrey William Milley	Ralph A. and Delene M.
15	Barbara Ellen Kostillo	Edward G. and Rita L.
15	Debra Louise Collins	Edward W. and Edna L.
16	William Allen Batchelder	Robert M. and Marguerite L.
16	Roderick Joseph Ratacik	Frederick W. and Maureen
17	Pamela Beaudoin	Francis E. and Domenica M.
17	Kathleen Mary McCarthy	Charles E. and Doris M.
18	Paul Louis Young	Louis W. and June L.

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Date	Name	Parents
June		
18	Judith Anne Ivas	Paul A. and Lillian M.
19	Janet Bartlow Viland	Ernest E. and Dorothy J.
19	Alan Thomas Blakely	Vincent T. and Lillian T.
20	Jennifer Elizabeth Stark	Leslie D. D. and Janet E.
20	Elizabeth Cronin	W. Robert and Mayrita
21	Douglas Everett Moreton	Kenneth B. and Lillian G.
21	Jan Louise Montgomery	Frederick J. and Charlotte M.
21	Thomas Alan Edson	Clarence R. and Margaret
23	Jane Vivian Burbank	Nelson S. and Rita
25	Arlene June Chipman	Hubert H. and Arlington J.
27	Mary Ellen Foley	Joseph M. and Dorothy C.
28	Jan-Marie Varney	James J. and Geraldine
29	Norman Stanley Dearborn	Stanley S. and Rupertia
July		
1	Wayne George Leslie	George A., Jr. and Barbara E.
2	Baby Anderson	Frank L. and Elaine H.
2	John Steven D'Arcangelo	John J. and Arline D.
2	John Hunter Blackburn	George T. and Eleanor
3	Cheryl Jean Gibbons	Raymond T. and Pearl B.
3	Marcia Suzanne Ellis	Roland E., Jr. and Nancy C.
4	William James Haugh	William H. and Mabel L.
4	Eric Lennart Turnquist	Lennart E. and Ruth J.
5	Mark Andrew Bacigalupo	Charles A. and Mary F.
6	William James Ahlin	William A. and Margaret A.
7	Patricia Ann Murray	Donald C. and Mary F.
8	Michael Burns Everett	Robert R. and Helen L.
9	Garry Marshall Moore	Robert M. and Ruth E.
11	David Michael Riley	Robert and Muriel I.
11	Albert Aram Tarpin, Jr.	Albert A. and Georgina J.
12	Christopher James Corkum	Stanley H. and Margaret I.
12	Nancy Grace Heidenburg	Robert E. and Lorraine M.
16	Nathan West Albee	George P. and Elizabeth M.
17	James Allen Woodle	George F., Jr. and Paula F.
17	Ruth Ann Florence	Russell and Claire L.
19	James Allan Marsh	Alexander and Shirley L.
21	Paul Alan Wilson	John E. and Margaret M.
22	Helen Jean O'Connell	Walter S. and Jeanette L.
24	John Richard Baby, Jr.	John R. and Dorothy M.
25	Mary Lucinda McKeever	James J. and Margaret M.
26	Robert John MacHugh	Richard W. and Marion H.
26	Martha Williams	John G. and Dorothy
29	Diane Elisa Hubel	Roy M. and Isobel C.
30	Leo Paul Iacopucci	Mario B. and Dorothy M.
31	Sharon Louise Sheehy	John E. and Mary T.

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Date	Name	Parents
August		
1	Jeffrey Domenick Zanni	Domenick, Jr. and Nancy J.
4	Karen Marie Hyslip	Kenneth M. and Mary E.
4	Sharon Louise Hyslip	Kenneth M. and Mary E.
4	Roberta Ann Goulet	Augustus L. and Katherine M.
5	Deborah Elizabeth Butt	Martin and Eileen E.
5	Steven Paul Clark	Frank L. and Joan
6	Richard Arthur Tiney	Donald S. and Marilyn L.
7	Joan Kelley	Daniel V. and Jacqueline B.
7	Gail Suzanne Graves	Robert W. and Phyllis A.
9	John Henry LeFave	John H., Jr. and Dorothy V.
10	Scott Edward Noonan	Edward C. and Patricia A.
11	Donna Marie Peterson	Nelson and Beatrice
11	Janet Brine Niles	Charles L., Jr. and Mary B.
13	Maxine Leslie Alter	Robert S. and Jeanne I.
14	Francis Maurice Kiley, Jr.	Francis M. and Jacqueline R.
14	Susan Carol Levasseur	Richard J. and Jean M.
15	Rose Mary Richer	Raymond J. and Claire J.
16	Richard Gerard Maher	Edward J. and Marjorie E.
17	Hugh William Priebe	Richard G. and Elizabeth A.
18	Philip Victor Minghella	Dominic M. and Louise J.
19	Lisa Marie DiSalvo	Francis J. and Rita J.
24	Michael Francis Moore	Francis E. and Joanne C.
26	Kerry Sue MacBrien	William E. and Norma H.
26	Doreen Lisa Nicholaides	George N. and Ada D.
26	Dean Lee Nicholaides	George N. and Ada D.
29	William Wayne Appleton	Edward F. and Ruth E.
29	Susan Amanda White	Philip R., Jr. and Emma L.
30	Rosemary Agnes Gianaris	Peter and Agnes D.
30	David Andrew Dewey	Donald L. and Vera M.
31	Andrea Dale Smith	Raymond A. and Edith M.
September		
1	Thomas Patrick Duval	Sydney S. and Anni M.
2	Michael Robert Crosby	John K. and Barbara A.
2	Richard Charles Mathews	Bernard F. and Mary I.
4	John Michael Peterson	Leonard J. and Rosemary E.
4	Pamela Jean Cail	James B. and Marion
7	Virginia Moore	John J. and Mary R.
8	Fred Evan Case	Paul E. and Shirley E.
9	Daniel William Cahoon	Edward J. and Mildred C.
9	Martin Stewart Landquist	Joseph F. and Ruth J.
13	Susan Ann Rogers	Russell G. and Elizabeth C.
14	Lisa Karen Bennett	Walter N. and Elizabeth M.

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Date	Name	Parents
September		
14	Garry Paul Muise	Eli P. and Bernadette A.
15	Mark Russell Seavey	Walter E. and Shirley D.
17	Sheila Jeanne Sweeney	Frederick W., Jr. and Anne K.
21	Baby Girl Boyd	James N., Jr. and June E.
22	Robert William Phillips	Norman M. and Kathleen E.
22	Beth Wilmot	Donald E. and Earline
23	Kathleen Webb	Robert D. and Mary P.
23	Karen Webb	Robert D. and Mary P.
24	Kathy Jean Thomas	Robert H. and Pauline M.
24	Deborah Marie Savage	Robert V., Jr. and Lois M.
26	Scott Thomas Atkinson	Norman J. and Carol G.
26	James Edward Doucette	James E. and Edith K.
27	Clifton Howard Cook	Chester A., Jr. and Charlotte E.
27	Dawn Lori Thompson	Donald L. and Lillian M.
27	Cathy Ellen Storti	John, Jr. and Virginia R.
28	Janet Marie Madio	Daniel and Florence M.
30	Deborah Suzan Martin	Francis J. and Mary J.
October		
1	Christopher Ruston Rich	Ruston W. and Dorothy M.
3	Marsha Ann Tuttle	Lyle F. and Marion J.
4	Steven Edmund Doyon	Maurice P. and Cecile A.
5	Steven Paul Cacciola	Frank R. and Gladys A.
6	Linda Margaret Bartlett	Wayne D. and Elizabeth M.
6	Susan Lee Cressinger	Horace G. and Lillian E.
7	Susan Leslie Greenleaf	Richard and Nancy
7	John David Fitzpatrick	John F. and Alice C.
8	Steven Michael Aucella	Thomas A. and Ada L.
10	Peter Davies Beale	Peter M. and Marilyn M.
10	Daniel John Dunlea	Robert A. and Helen L.
10	Donald Leroy Plouff, Jr.	Donald L. and Louise M.
10	Anne Jacqueline Driscoll	Richard G. and Ruth H.
11	Gary Arnold Baker	Arnold R. and Thelma S.
11	Sandra Helen Winslow	Ronald A. Sr. and Doris J.
12	Kenneth Wayne Svenson	Eric H. and Ingrid M.
12	Debra Lynn Sawtelle	Robert M. and Joan L.
14	Raymond Walter Iverson, Jr.	Raymond W. and Charlotte W.
16	Deborah Bates	John S. and Anne
17	Cynthia Jean Lynch	William F. and Ethel A.
18	Alan Joseph Muise	James L. and Mary L.
19	Linda Jane Hovey	David L. and Anne B.
19	Joseph Eugene Mangelinckx, Jr.	Joseph E. and Ethelena
20	Linda Ann Rowell	Walter L., Jr. and Joan C.

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Date	Name	Parents
October		
21	Barry David White	Harold C. and Betty F.
22	Kathleen Patricia Murdock	George J., Jr. and Sally G.
25	Kevin Scott Fitzmaurice	Raymond F. and Barbara V.
26	Patricia Ann Lewis	Horace W. and Margaret M.
26	Barbara Ann Lydstone	William T., Jr. and Dorothy
26	Jerilyn Ann Heinstrom	Charles W. and Phyllis A.
27	Mark Richard Doiron	Francis L. and Ramona M.
29	Nils George Anderson, Jr.	Nils G. and Patricia M.
30	Roger Armand Muccio, Jr.	Roger A. and Evelyn E.
31	Amanda Jean Lovely	Brandoch L. and Greta J.
November		
1	Christine Louise Flynn	Daniel J. and Irene R.
2	Augustine Francis Sharry III	Augustine F., Jr. and Margaret S.
3	Michael Shea	Frank S. and Doris M.
4	Keith David Toperzer	Robert S. and Marion M.
5	Michael Cullinane	Thomas L. and Mary E.
6	Russell Henry Sletterink	Donald G. and Alice M.
6	Laurie Ellen Hackett	Orwoll M. and Marguerite
8	Glenn David Gardner	Robert C. and Doris A.
9	Janice Marie MacLeod	Kenneth R. and Margaret M.
11	Jane Elizabeth Dunningham	Wallace L. and Mary E.
11	Camilla Suzanne Doane	Nathaniel B. and Norma J.
12	Kristin Elena Hansmann	Anton C. and Patricia C.
13	Kenneth M. Jones	Francis X. and Barbara A.
15	Vicki Sue Moran	Francis J. and Bettie S.
16	Janet Lynn Alward	Dana J. and Josephine L.
16	Francis Perley Cauty	Francis D. and Evelyn M.
16	Wendy Jean Dulong	James E. and Edna S.
19	Keiren Margaret Smith	Francis J. and Janet A.
21	Mark Fallon	Frank A. and Dorothea L.
22	Albert William Hurst, Jr.	Albert W. and Ruth D.
24	Robin Jean Munsen	Roy S. and Barbara A.
25	Elaine Susan Thistle	Robert A. and Dorothy
25	Janet Romeo	Salvatore A. and Elizabeth J.
26	John Jeffrey Jackman	Richard S. and Claire
28	Mary Veronica Prosser	Basil J. and Gloria C.
29	John Freeman Bedley	Ralph A. and Eleanor M.
30	James Hugh Phillips, Jr.	James H. and Frances R.
December		
1	Paula Jane Bennett	Richard H. and Jane
2	Caroline Anne Shaw	Reginald O. K. and Mary
2	Jeffery Francis Spano	Eugene A. and Geraldine

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Date	Name	Parents
December		
2	Warren Joseph Good	Glen G. and Ruth L.
3	James Jordan Sullivan III	James J., Jr. and Mary G.
3	Michael Douglas Hukee	Vernon V. and Marguerite E.
4	Ann Beverly Wright	Edward C. and Beverly A.
5	Joseph Cyril Sullivan, Jr.	Joseph C. and Beatrice A.
6	Steven Kenneth Keene	Charles E. and Janice A.
6	John Edward Gregoria	John A. and Helen C.
8	Mitchell Sayward Allen	Earle F., Jr. and Jay
9	Leslie Anne Butt	Harold and Constance E.
9	Patricia Ann McGoldrick	John J. and Lorraine M.
10	Elizabeth Catherine Lyons	John W. and Grace C.
10	Bryan Lester Batley	John W. and Claire
12	Peter Howard Miles	Robert D. and Nancy C.
13	Laura Lee Johnson	Kenneth R. and Marion V.
14	Peter Edward McHugh	Edward A. and Beatrice M.
14	Charles William Halfyard	James S. and Estella G.
14	Mary Margaret Roberts	Harland M., Jr. and Marianne C.
15	Patricia Ann Tine	Joseph, Jr. and Thelma
16	Sampson	William A. and Louise M.
17	Barry Stephen Bilicki	John A. and Carolyn
18	Diane Ruth Whittemore	Wayne E. and Alice M.
23	Mark Newman Dooley	Walter N. and Vivian I.
24	Melanie Sue Madden	Herbert and Myrtle I.
26	Stephanie Ellen Wilshere	Thomas W. and Patricia E.
27	James Alfred Dykens	Elmer A. and Grace B.
27	Brian Stephen Hayes	Thomas F. and Mary M.
27	Martha Mullaney	Arthur J. and Gertrude T.
28	Deborah Jean Peterson	Charles E. and Shirley E.
28	David Charles Russ	Charles J. and Elsie M.
29	Timothy Gaylord Morrison	Donald A. and Edith B.
29	Joseph Benjamin Risi, Jr.	Joseph B. and Antonetta H.
30	Pamela Susan Miksen	Robert and Olive E.
30	Stephen Michael Kohler	William M. and Helen M.
31	Anita Alice Kelley	James H. and Alison W.

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Date	Name	Parents
1954		
May		
28	Patricia Marie Barrett	Daniel F. and Evelyn M.

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Date	Name	Parents
June		
1	Margaret Ellen Lyster	William A. and Patricia A.
21	Constance Mary Mollica	Robert L., Sr. and Mary C.
22	James Andrew Kelley	Daniel V. and Jacqueline B.
August		
5	— White	Elmer F. and Mary H.
8	Robert Gary Surette	Robert J. and Angela M.
September		
4	Robert Wilfred Doiron, Jr.	Robert W. and Jacqualine J.
11	Kim Elizabeth Murdock	George J. and Sally G.
12	Barry Francis Smith	Francis J. and Janet A.
12	Peter Arthur Colford	Lawrence W. and Mary
16	David Roland Reny	Lucien G. and Elizabeth
18	Robert Thornton	Thomas J. and Agnes C.
20	Therese Marie Trainor	Edward J. and Therese B.
25	Richard Kevin Nihan	Richard A. and Kathleen L.
26	Dianne Marie Boyd	Roland J., Jr. and Mary E.
28	Roberta Pauline Langevin	John J. and Winifred L.
29	Pamela Joan White	Herbert D. and Margaret C.
October		
8	Dexter Francis Cronin	John F. and Elizabeth C.
9	Kevin Ricky Dufresne	Robert and Olive W.
15	Lisa Mary Rhoades	Allan G. Jr. and Miriam
17	Lynne Ellen McIntire	Malcolm and Edith E.
21	Robin Marie White	Edward F. and Ruth A.
27	Robert Lawrence Bradley	Robert L. and Virginia M.
November		
12	William Thomas Maxwell III	William T., Jr. and Shirley A.
17	Robert Craig Lundgren	Walter and Virginia
21	Paul William Hynes	Thomas J. and Anne M.
26	David Baker Taylor	Donald T. and Gene E.
December		
2	Richard William Sommers	William D. and Jean A.
8	Cynthia Mary Hunt	Robert H. and Kathleen
9	Thomas Martin Ford	Francis R. and Anita M.
15	Keith Alan Coleman	Donald L. and Thelma
17	Karen Vivian Hoffman	Charles R. and Florence L.
20	Dana Frederic Schuh	Arthur F. and Winifred E.
21	Donald George Mafera	Richard G. and Lillian E.
24	Lisa Diane Owens	Douglas B. and Jean T.
25	Cheryl Ann Corrado	Paul J. and Coralie J.
26	Jane Marie Quinlan	Paul M. and Pauline M.
28	Paul Vito Ripa	Vito P. and Hazel M.
31	Cari Dana Jacobsen	George L. and Gertrude E.
31	Robert Frederick Baer	Maurice E. and Hazel

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Date	Name	Age	Occupation	Residence
January				
1	Richard Perley Anderson	22	Surveyor	No Reading
	Barbara Ann Deferrari	19	Bookkeeper	Reading
15	Theodore Salvatore			
	D'Orlando	26	Insurance	Reading
	Charlotte Marie Pazzetti	24	Reg. Nurse	Wellesley Hills
22	William Arthur Newman	21	Laborer	Reading
	Patricia Edith Shedden	25	Packer	Peabody
February				
4	Robert Harding Thomas	27	Firefighter	Reading
	Pauline Mae Frost Simpson	27	Clerk	Reading
5	Donald Davis Messenger	31	Service Sta. Attdt.	Everett
	Margaret Violet Bond	28	Tel. Operator	Reading
9	Edward Jeffery Martin, Jr.	30	U. S. Army	Reading
	Arlene Cecilia Marsh	27	Homemaker	Beverly
19	James Troy Blackburn	22	U. S. Army	No. Carolina
	Elizabeth Dorothy Currie	18	Student	Reading
19	Joseph Cyril Sullivan	22	Assembler	Reading
	Beatrice Ann Slater	19	At home	Lowell
19	George Nason Barden	67	Retired	Reading
	Myrtilia Ada Crabtree	48	Bookkeeper	Methuen
20	Henry Patrick Feeney	41	Bookbinder	Medford
	Agnes Patricia Carney	36	Secretary	Reading
20	Joseph Willard Comeau	27	Assembler	Reading
	Teresa Rita LoRusso	31	Stitcher	Boston
26	Leonard J. Mills	63	Unemployed	Reading
	Helen Winifred Roberts	56	At home	Reading
March				
19	Robert Wesley Johnson	21	Farmer	Lexington
	Beverly Ann Syda	17	At home	Reading
26	John Carl Peterson	20	Plumber	Reading
	Ruth Frances Woodworth	19	Nurse	Reading
April				
1	William Russell Brennan	29	Truck driver	Reading
	Dorothy Gertrude Jenkins	29	Secretary	Stoneham
2	David E. Hanlon	20	Student	Woburn
	Audrey A. Arbo	19	Stenographer	Wilmington
2	Max Rudolph Lorenz	24	Student	Troy, N. Y.
	Carolyn Elizabeth Campbell	30	Reg. Nurse	Reading

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Date	Name	Age	Occupation	Residence
April				
6	Horace Gilbert Self	30	U.S.A.F.	Columbus, Ohio
	Christine Lenore Meuse	22	At home	Reading
10	John Joseph Sullivan	25	Student	Melrose
	Frances Dorothy Ferrick	25	Bookkeeper	Reading
10	Charles Evert Peterson	21	Signal helper	Reading
	Shirley Eleanor Nunziato	19	Bookkeeper	Somerville
11	Ralph Kimball Howland	67	Reg. Pharmacist	No. Billerica
	Myra Brockbank George	53	Practical Nurse	Reading
16	William Godfrey Davenport	24	Student	New Jersey
	Virginia Farris Kimball	22	Insurance	Reading
17	James Elmer MacDonald, Jr.	28	Ins. engineer	Reading
	Mary Catherine Whalen	27	Electrologist	Somerville
30	Norman Leo Richards	19	Leather finisher	No. Reading
	Marguerite May Matthews	17	Waitress	Reading
May				
6	Robert Bastow Coombs	36	Carpenter	Reading
	Irene Virginia Cote McLeod	30	Homemaker	Melrose
7	Henry Black Hummel	24	U.S. Navy	Washington, D. C.
	Gertrude Ann Jefferson	22	Assurance Officer	Gov. Reading
14	Peter Joseph Burbine	22	Plumber	Reading
	Agnes Marie Daley	21	Reg. Nurse	Wakefield
14	Edward Robert Fasciano	25	Electronic engineer	Somerville
	Pauline Ann Richardson	23	Secretary	Reading
15	Ivar Chester Martin	20	Operator	No. Reading
	Mary Joan McMahon	19	Clerk	Reading
21	Hugh J. Bernard	72	Real Estate Broker	Everett
	Mae I. Gray	70	At home	Malden
22	David Edward Pelletier	22	Grower	Reading
	Margery Ann Wood	22	Bookkeeper	Arlington
23	Lawrence E. Reed	25	U. S. Navy	Natick
	Helen J. (Alcock)	24	At home	Natick
27	Philip Edwin Mason	52	Chemist	Reading
	Lucille Clifford	42	At home	Reading
28	Arthur James Quale	26	Mechanic	West Roxbury
	Blanche Marie Skinner	20	Secretary	Reading
June				
3	Howard Paige Hodgman	50	Sales manager	Elmhurst, Illinois
	Alberta Rider Sawyer	43	At home	Reading

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Date	Name	Age	Occupation	Residence
June				
4	Donald Henry Larsen	22	U. S. Coast Guard	South Portland, Me.
	Sandra Mae Deery	20	I.B.M. Operator	Reading
5	Frank Vito Iosua	27	Service salesman	Wakefield
	Ruth Frances Towle	21	Typist	Reading
9	Louis Edward Newman, 3rd	24	Student	New York City, N. Y.
	Leslie Williams	21	At home	Reading
11	Wallace Federate Forbes	27	Student	Far Hills, N. J.
	Betty Alden Goldsmith	23	At home	Reading
11	William Fred McClure	22	Student	South Carolina
	Judith Eda Holdman	22	Student	Reading
11	George Frederick Redman	24	Card setter	North Andover
	Nancy Richardson	24	Advertising	Reading
11	Thomas Sylvester York, Jr.	23	Construction worker	Saugus
	Alice Katherine Leonard	22	Secretary	Reading
11	Ralph Thomas Meuse	32	President	Reading
	Alice Kean Foley	26	Service record clerk	Malden
11	Donald Fredrick O'Brien	31	Roll maker	Reading
	Anna Louise Maguire	27	Presser	Melrose
12	David George Lander	25	Artist	Reading
	Jean DesChamp Woods	26	Registered Nurse	Saugus
12	James Edward Lindberg	22	Student	Saugus
	Elizabeth Ann Galvin	20	Secretary	Reading
18	Alvan William Hicks	22	Engineer	Lynn
	Nancy Joan Heath	20	Stenographer	Reading
25	David Ellis Chapman	20	U. S. A. F.	Reading
	Kate Elwell Lisk	16	Student	Saugus
25	Ronald Thomas Florence	25	Truck driver	Reading
	Barbara Ann Toothaker	17	Typist	Reading
25	Kenneth Knight Wilde	21	Student	Pittsfield
	Marcia Ann Johnson	19	Student	Reading
25	Richard Keese Hallock	65	Structural engineer	Reading
	Hilda Lapham Woods	59	House mother	Watertown
25	Franklin Emery Munnis	27	Dispatcher	Reading
	Gladys Anna Chickering	17	Salesgirl	Nashua, N. H.
26	Sidney Kimball White	24	Salesman	Reading
	Clare Margaret Sheldon	23	Telephone operator	Wakefield
July				
1	Daniel Joseph Coughlin	32	Truck Driver	Reading
	Helen Frances Chisholm	24	Comptometer Op.	Malden

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July				
1	Joseph Samuel Manuel	23	Shoe worker	Stoneham
	Norma Lee Harris	18	Bookkeeper	Reading
2	Vincent Paul Meuse	20	Oil Burner Service	Reading
	Teresa Margaret Donovan	19	Clerk	Woburn
4	Robert Richard Romeo	23	Pressman	Reading
	Josephine Marie Bellino	23	Secretary	W. Somerville
9	Robert William Allen, Jr.	23	Tree Surgeon	Woburn
	Karlene Elizabeth Reichardt	21	Secretary	Reading
22	Delbert Philip Denbow	19	Assembler	Reading
	June Austine Robbins	21	Shoeworker	Wakefield
23	Albert Ernest MacLaughlin	45	Meat Salesman	Somerville
	Helen Norris Bruns	40	Teacher	Reading
29	Edgar Leroy McHale	26	Teacher	Stoneham
	Patricia Joyce Wilkie	24	Teacher	Reading
30	Charles Robert Bayrd	20	Chest man	Reading
	Jean Margaret Russell	16	Shoeworker	Reading
30	Harlan Francis Surette	37	Repairman	Reading
	Ailsa McKenna Cairns	20	Clerk	Malden
August				
6	Alton Everett Brown	23	U. S. Army	Reading
	Pauline Cleone Turner	23	Teacher	North Reading
6	Warren Morse Reeves	29	Electrical Eng.	Portland, Me.
	Jean Elizabeth Dow	31	Secretary	Reading
7	Arthur L. Muise	44	Gen. Maint. Man	Brookline
	Charlotte N. May	45	Nurse	Brookline
12	Howard Allison Bussell	24	Mechanic	Reading
	Judith Ann Priebe	20	Telephone Clerk	Reading
19	Robert Galloway Sisson, Jr.	23	Ind. Engineer	Arlington
	Ruth Elizabeth Morton	19	Office Clerk	Arlington
20	Derick Vanderheyden Willson	33	Teacher	Melrose
	Catherine Weston Roberts	23	Secretary	Reading
20	Merton E. Starks	40	Quality Control Worker	Peabody
	Anne J. White	21	At home	Peabody
28	Harold Ralph Sampson	20	Clerk	Reading
	Sandra Gail Keith	19	Switchboard op.	Reading
28	Robert Chetwynd Porter	21	Student	Reading
	Joan Emily Coughlin	18	Secretary	Lawrence
28	Kenneth Earl Sawyer, Jr.	31	Auditor	Reading
	Josephine Mary Alfano	22	Secretary	E. Boston
29	Francis Charles O'Brien, Jr.	23	Student	Reading
	Claire Anne Sliney	20	Secretary	Wakefield

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN READING FOR THE YEAR 1955

Date	Name	Age	Occupation	Residence
September				
3	William Charles Post	22	Carpenter	North Reading
	Joan Frances Bennett	17	At home	Reading
3	Renzo P. Michielutti	29	Terrazzo mechanic	Roxbury
	Patricia Ann Collins	21	Typist	Reading
4	James Wilson Powers	28	Optician	Reading
	June Patricia Powell	26	Secretary	Stoneham
9	Teddy Lee McCoy	23	U. S. Army	Liberty, Missouri
	Marjorie Louise Brown	18	Waitress	Woburn
10	Hector L. Gianascol	55	Utility engineer	Reading
	Lillian Mae Loveless Gould	46	Clerk	Reading
10	Arthur Joseph Dischino	29	Radio engineer	Somerville
	Mary Louise McDermott	23	Secretary	Reading
10	Paul Francis Jones	21	U. S. A.	Reading
	Eleanore Ann Doherty	19	Telephone operator	Reading
10	Robert Paul Jones	24	Patrolman	Reading
	Elizabeth Frances Doherty	19	Clerk	Reading
10	Gerald William Corindia	22	U. S. Air Force	North Reading
	Dorothy Louise Brown	22	Secretary	Reading
11	Robert Walter Stahler	25	Dispatch clerk	Malden
	Dorothy Mary Keane	22	Secretary	Reading
17	Robert James Frazier	23	Shop foreman	Reading
	Nancy Louise Hall	19	Cashier	Reading
17	Theodore Locke Tewksbury, Jr.			
	Oriel Roberta Smith	37	Salesman	Wellesley
		23	At home	Reading
24	Robert Leo Evans	26	Clerk	Braintree
	Geraldine Marie Surette	22	Clerk	Reading
24	Robert L. McCarthy	32	Clerk	W. Somerville
	Arlene L. Surette	29	Clerk-typist	Reading
25	Thomas Richard Hubbard	31	Meat cutter	Reading
	Barbara Mary Simpson	27	Secretary	Wakefield
29	Frixos Gabriel Zachariades	32	Chef	Montreal, Canada
	Angelina Julia Douvris	33	Stitcher	Woburn
30	Oscar LeRoy Andrews	22	Laborer	Malden
	Audrey Frances Gullledge	24	At home	Malden
October				
1	David S. Lake	24	Carpenter	North Reading
	Carol Powers	20	Comptometer oper.	Reading
1	Carroll Leslie Thompson	22	Bulldozer oper.	North Sutton, N.H.
	Nancy Woodbury Buck	20	Nurse	Reading

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Date	Name	Age	Occupation	Residence
October				
2	Joseph Vincent DeMaio	24	With Wakefield Concrete Co.	North Woburn
	Margaret Teresa Vasey	20	Telephone operator	Reading
2	Richard George Seeley	22	Mill worker	Waterbury, Conn.
	Lorraine Geraldine Calareso	21	At home	Reading
8	Robert Frederick Guba	28	Supervisor	Waltham
	Ann Kroeck	22	Secretary	Reading
8	Robert James Cain	21	Car salesman	Wakefield
	Harriet Josephine Smith	20	Telephone operator	Reading
9	James Leonard Surette	26	Clerk	Reading
	Loretta Ada Semon	19	Clerk	Malden
9	Reginald Edward Mumley, Jr.	21	U. S. Navy	Reading
	Gloria Theresa Maragioglio	19	Office clerk	Arlington
9	Harold Charles Burgess, Jr.	29	Student	North Weymouth
	Marjorie Isabelle Moreside	28	Bookkeeper	Reading
9	Frank Oliver Coolidge, Jr.	22	U.S.Air Force	Reading
	Lillian Terese Turner	20	Secretary	Wakefield
12	William Joseph Doucette	25	Assembler	Reading
	Eileen Claire Kenney	24	Clerk	Woburn
15	David Lee Gardner	23	Student	Reading
	Alma Elizabeth Skinner	23	Secretary	Reading
15	John Emil O'Brien	22	Chemist	Reading
	Beverly Ann Pollard	21	Medical secretary	Boston
15	Frank Spinosa	24	Violinist	Somerville
	Deborah Helen Upton	23	At home	Reading
15	Ronald Dale Thomas	21	Mechanic	Melrose
	Agnes Eileen McGrath	20	Office clerk	Reading
15	William Abner Clark	52	Branch manager	Reading
	Joan Ruth Richardson	44	At home	Wellesley Hills
21	Harold David Creamer, Jr.	23	Truck driver	Reading
	Judith Hayden Hewitt	18	At home	Tewksbury
22	Frank Richard Hadley	24	Groundman	Reading
	Mary Theresa Crowley	23	Secretary	Winchester
22	John Allen Walkinshaw	22	Copy writer	Arlington
	Mabel Christina Moodie	22	Secretary	Reading
23	George Albert Peters	24	Reproduction artist	Reading
	Elizabeth Ann Johnson	20	Secretary	Wakefield
29	Allen Thomas Coker	19	Tree surgeon	Reading
	Beverly Ann Boivin	18	Secretary	North Reading

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Date	Name	Age	Occupation	Residence
October				
29	Ralph Curtis Browne	27	Civil engineer	Reading
	Priscilla Anna Roberge	22	Reg. Nurse	Dover, N. H.
30	Stanley Peter Hrynowsky	30	Salesman	Reading
	Mary Lorraine DeLong	25	Bookkeeper	Reading
November				
2	Milton Jay Hirshberg	32	Doctor	Albany, N. Y.
	Carolyn E. McDonald	22	Stenographer	Lowell
4	Olof Karl Erickson	53	Chef	Reading
	Myrtie K. D. Lindhal	46	Maid	Reading
6	Roy Joseph Arsenault	26	Mail carrier	Reading
	Mary Frances Falcon	23	Clerk stenographer	Methuen
11	Donald L. Dorey	26	Salesman	Boston
	Ann Sparrell	22	Reg. Nurse	Boston
11	Edward Patrick Byrne	40	Chef	Arlington
	Josephine Ann Blizzard	35	Shirt operator	Arlington
12	Hazen Curtis III	24	Lab. technician	Lawrence
	Barbara Ann Murphy	26	Bookkeeper	Reading
12	Herman Lawrence Marshall	37	Trucker	Reading
	Gladys Marion King	34	At home	Dunbarton, N. H.
20	Robert Darnell Partridge, Jr.	24	Truck driver	Reading
	Virginia Conway	31	School teacher	Lawrence
24	Albert Warren LeNoir, Jr.	23	Student	Somerville
	Rita Ann Cunningham	24	Photostatic operator	Reading
26	Calvin Edward Morgan	31	U. S. Navy	Woodbury, N. J.
	Natalie Olive Merrill	25	Bank teller	Reading
26	Barron Lee Pigon	19	U. S. Navy	Reading
	Muriel Frances Davis	20	Clerk	Reading
December				
9	Herbert Arnold Stock	47	Truck driver	Detroit, Michigan
	Helen Merriam McKenney	49	Nurse	Reading
10	Richard M. Watson	31	Construction work,	Limerick, Me.
	Eleanor B. Foster	34	Teacher	Reading
15	George Herbert Sidebottom	78	Architect	Reading
	Alice R. M. Trevor	62	At home	Reading
17	John Henry Donovan	35	Register Nurse	Boston
	Lois Cornwell Knapp	33	Registered Nurse	Reading
23	Edward Lee Ferguson, Jr.	19	U. S. C. G.	Long Island, N. Y.
	Agnes Louise Myhre	19	Clerk-typist	Reading

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Date	Name	Age	Occupation	Residence
December				
26	Frederick Walden Williams	26	Research technician	Reading
	Margaret Morrow Stone	20	Student nurse	Springfield
26	Ralph Alfred Spagnolo, Jr.	22	Produce manager	Revere
	Rose Camella Venuti	20	Typist	Reading
31	Robert George Lewis	35	Clerk	Washington, D. C.
	Beatrice Katherine O'Donnell	33	Stenographer	Reading
31	Thomas Richard Crosswell	25	Water Dept.	North Reading
	Louise Florence Davis	20	Shoe shop	Reading
31	Thomas Robert Barrett	20	U. S. Army	Reading
	Barbara Ann Cavanaugh	19	Waitress	Reading

DEATHS REGISTERED IN READING FOR THE YEAR 1955

Date	Name	Y	M	D	Cause of Death
January					
1	George A. White	65	1	9	Carcinoma of lung
3	John Edward Fultz	84	7	1	Senility
4	Hiram Franklin Davis	76	9	25	Thrombosis
5	Philip Munch	67	7	5	Coronary thrombosis
10	Jessie G. (Barrett) Dexter	82	1	19	Cancer of throat
10	James C. Simpson	81	9	18	Brain hemorrhage
12	Eliza J. (Hobson) Durfee	84	0	16	Cerebral thrombosis
12	Margurite M. (Punnewaert) Edwards	36	5	29	Acute bronchial asthma
14	Jean Jordan	37	0	13	Bulbo spinal poliomyelitis
17	Edward Francis Downs	70	2	28	Coronary thrombosis
18	Leo G. Jackson	62	1	11	Carcinoma of lung
18	Phebe (Reed) Kershaw	93	11	18	Heart disease
18	James Chesley Black	69	3	5	Bronchopneumonia
19	Ena G. (Beattie) Milner	60	8	21	Heart disease
24	Martha Francis Wilson	88	5	18	Coronary thrombosis
25	Alice Philips	79	11	1	Arteriosclerosis
27	Edmund Vanasse	44	5	21	Heart disease
29	Laurence H. White	56	8	8	Coronary occlusion
February					
1	Robert Arthur Packard	66	8	29	Injuries—auto accident
2	Carrie Wales (Goodwin) Draffin	94	3	2	Cerebral hemorrhage
4	Marie M. Merrill (Mathews)	61	8	23	Coronary thrombosis
5	Fannie Jewel (Blethen) Hardy	88	6	6	Uraemia
6	Alice May (Spillane) Paul	87	10	25	Arteriosclerosis
7	Carl Brammer Sawyer	68	5	15	Coronary occlusion
8	Frank Cockcroft	74	8	15	Cerebral hemorrhage
8	Herbert Austin Brackett	82	5	14	Carcinoma of esophagus
13	Herbert Kimball Miller	50	7	14	Heart disease
15	Louisa Wilson	82	-	-	Heart disease
19	Charles Carleton Anderson, Jr.	64	4	14	Heart disease
25	Muriel Bolton	50	9	11	Heart disease
25	Catherine M. (Burke) Smith	78	7	11	Myocardial infarct
26	Francis X. Brown	61	10	20	Irreversible shock
27	Helen Taylor	71	4	10	Acute pancreatitis
March					
1	Walter V. Goodridge	69	2	7	Arteriosclerotic heart disease
2	Margaret G. Dinkel (Gordon)	60	4	20	Bronchogenic carcinoma

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Date	Name	Y	M	D	Cause of Death
March					
3	Edward Burton Keene	62	1	3	Bullet wounds through head
3	George Irving Ayer	73	8	16	Carcinoma prostate
5	Albert Dulong	63	5	2	Terminal bronchopneumonia
7	May Alberta (Neil) Beohner	79	2	10	Cerebral thrombosis
8	Lillian Munn 'Nee Gallinger	80	5	3	arteriosclerotic heart disease
8	Arthur Edward Brooks	67	11	21	Heart disease — sudden death
9	Dana Sanford Stulce	62	10	30	Coronary occlusion
10	Walter Coffin Mooney	79	7	9	Heart disease — sudden death
11	Josephine Davis	83	2	2	Coronary thrombosis
12	Nora M. Crowley	71	-	-	Passive congestion
14	Lottie Ella (Tilson) Barris	75	3	7	Cerebral hemorrhage
14	Anne Mary (Thrasher) Masters	79	10	3	Coronary occlusion
14	—— MacKenzie	0	0	0	Stillborn
14	Loring W. Ham	64	5	19	Carcinoma of pancreas
15	Janie Vance	87	10	15	Passive congestion
15	Fred Lewis Nutter	79	10	20	Coronary thrombosis
18	Harry Shahbazian	76	8	3	Coronary thrombosis
20	George V. Wallace, Sr.	86	1	21	Arteriosclerotic heart disease
22	Carl Harold Stonebury	63	11	17	Myocardial Infarction
24	Earl Francis Sampson	48	1	15	Bronchopneumonia
25	Etta M. Fish	92	7	1	Arteriosclerotic heart disease
25	Sherman Bangs	78	-	-	Massive pulmonary embolus
26	Mary Regan	74	-	-	Cerebral hemorrhage
27	Benjamin Howe	76	8	15	Myocardial infarction-acute
28	Harriet Foster	88	10	27	Arterioslerotic heart disease
30	Elizabeth Duryee Peabody	72	9	18	Heart disease
31	Arthur Hamlen Boynton	78	7	1	Carcinoma of lung
April					
2	Irving F. Jewett	67	4	3	Hemorrhage of brain
4	Sterns Welton Burgess	80	9	15	Heart disease
8	Ernest E. Kilgore	64	2	13	Coronary occlusion
9	Emily Nichols	48	11	19	Carcinoma
11	Francis J. Burke	67	2	5	Terminal bronchopneumonia

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Date	Name	Y	M	D	Cause of Death
April					
12	Katherine E. Murray "Weafer"	71	8	1	Carcinoma
14	Armitage Evans Henderson	90	5	0	Chronic myocarditis
16	John William Brown	47	3	22	Heart disease—sudden death
18	Marion E. (Williams) Simpson	58	8	23	Acute coronary occlusion
20	Laura M. Campbell (Lyle)	75	10	26	Coronary thrombosis
20	Victor Emanuel Olson	62	11	10	Heart disease — sudden death
25	Gertrude Frances Page	55	6	9	Heart disease — sudden death
25	Essie Inez (Chute) Roscoe	74	5	15	Cerebral hemorrhage
26	William Frederick Cook	40	11	12	Cardiac Arrest.
27	Stephen Dennison Adams	86	2	28	Ch. myocarditis
May					
1	James J. Galvin	49	7	23	Coronary thrombosis
3	Ida (Cook) Berry	84	4	12	Cerebral arteriosclerosis
3	Walter Edward Connor	73	6	26	Cerebral hemorrhage
3	— Turner	5	min. Erythroblastosis		
8	Maude M. Wood Park	84	3	13	Cerebral hemorrhage
8	Fred Otis Eagleston	70	6	1	Cerebral hemorrhage
11	Sarah Ellen Newcomb	87	11	13	Uraemia
15	Mabel Bennett	83	4	11	Heart disease — sudden death
15	Samuel Maylor	61	7	3	Cerebral hemorrhage
15	Annie E. Calder (Wells)	83	7	1	Cerebral vascular accident
15	Sadie (Moulesong) Babine	72	11	15	Cerebral hemorrhage
18	Nellie E. Baker	88	-	-	Cerebral hemorrhage
19	Mary S. Lynch	83	-	-	Carcinoma
21	Agnes M. Connelly	78	1	2	Myocardial infarction
22	Bessie F. Melendy	68	1	4	Coronary thrombosis
23	Norman Carl Brooks	61	8	28	Under investigation
25	Edwin O. Lundberg	46	3	29	Cerebral anoxia
27	Arthur Herbert Green	92	-	-	Acute coronary thrombosis
30	Richmond F. Bostwick	55	2	7	Coronary thrombosis
31	Howard Peake Farwell	76	2	25	Coronary thrombosis
31	Anna Gertrude Brooks	91	2	3	Cerebral thrombosis
June					
6	Nora T. Murray	84	2	-	Coronary thrombosis
7	Frances Ann Doucette	78	11	28	Arteriosclerotic heart disease

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Date	Name	Y	M	D	Cause of Death
June					
10	Elizabeth J. Blier	64	11	10	Carcinoma of stomach
12	Etta L. Johnson (Fish)	77	7	1	Compounded fractured skull
15	Elsie P. Terhune	52	6	6	Carcinomatosis
16	Georgiana Flint (Wilcox)	80	4	9	Myocardial insufficiency
16	Graham Tower	60	4	6	Coronary thrombosis
19	Mary C. Walker (MacDonald)	77	4	18	Heart disease — sudden death
19	Julia (O'Keefe) Eaton	80	7	27	Chronic myocarditis
24	Emma Foster (Underwood)	77	6	1	Congestive failure
28	Frank Daddario	38	-	-	Multiple fractures — auto accident
30	Nancy E. Nigro	2	2	13	Endocardial sclerosis
July					
2	Baby Anderson				Stillborn
2	Baby Boy Blackburn	7½	hrs.		Prematurity
2	John H. Kelley	78	1	10	Coronary thrombosis
6	Winthrop Dana Parker	83	8	9	Arteriosclerosis
7	George Jepson	77	8	28	Carcinoma of pancreas
10	Yvonne (Grandmons) Brooks	62	3	5	Papillary serous cyst
11	Quinn W. Jordan	61	4	3	Asphyxia
11	Shirley S. Shattuck	74	9	18	Coronary thrombosis
12	James B. Monahan	84	4	20	Chronic myocardial insufficiency
13	Franklin H. Plumb	79	10	12	Acute coronary occlusion
14	Barbara Leach VanHorn	35	5	29	Bulbar poliomyelitis
17	Amanda Peterson (Moberg)	80	3	11	Cerebral hemorrhage
18	Vetura E. (Frazee) McGeouch	92	10	14	Pneumonia
21	Arthur B. Lord	43	-	-	Cerebral carcinoma
22	Baby (Girl) O'Connell	-	-	-	Stillborn
23	Maria Walker Carter	97	4	15	Cerebral hemorrhage
24	Sarah Jane (Brown) Nickerson	89	3	9	Gastric hemorrhage
27	Lester H. Wallace	64	7	9	Pulmonary edema
30	Walter Guy Chase	71	1	20	Fractured dorsal spine
31	Sarah Tracy (Davidson)	74	7	6	Multiple pulmonary emboli
August					
1	James Allan Marsh	-	-	12	Congenital Heart
5	Edna Russ Whitton	69	4	20	Carcinomatosis
5	Minnie (Dunham) Millett	83	6	15	Chronic myocardial failure

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Date	Name	Y	M	D	Cause of Death
August					
5	Rosella Ferris Trask (MacLean)	84	9	8	Cerebral hemorrhage
8	Ardell Palmer (Temple) Beasley	82	2	20	Coronary thrombosis
9	Harriette Edith Arnold	68	6	24	Cerebral thrombosis
23	Donald E. Chisholm	55	9	7	Heart disease
23	Charlotte Ann Putnam	15	-	-	Fracture of skull
23	Frank Drury Whitney	84	7	14	Arteriosclerosis
25	Edythe (Leavitt) Chisholm	51	8	16	Heart disease
26	Lillian Horrell	58	5	-	Carcinoma of ovary
30	Mildred Bryant Smith	90	5	8	Congestive failure
31	John T. McCarthy	79	1	8	Carcinomatosis
September					
5	Joan Crockett	36	11	23	Poliomyelitis
8	Dorothy May LaChance Heselton	45	5	7	Generalized carcinoma
9	William S. Andrews	85	-	-	Cardiac decompensation
20	Rosmine Eliza (Larsen) Bottelsen	77	11	23	Arteriosclerotic Heart disease
20	Lucy F. Stillings	80	-	-	Broncho pneumonia
21	Baby Girl Boyd				Stillborn
24	Florence E. (Blanchard) Haines	46	9	19	Mucinous adenocarcinoma
25	Francis J. Dunn	69	3	12	Carcinoma of lung
25	John Holbrook	27	3	5	Pulmonary congestion
26	Marion Osborne	53	10	18	Massive intracerebral hemorrhage
27	Howard Allan Beeler	73	0	7	Coronary thrombosis
29	Mary Alma Benson	78	7	12	Broncho pneumonia
29	Ross Vardon	85	-	-	Chronic cystitis
30	Grace E. (Abbott) Whitehouse	73	7	3	Heart disease
October					
1	Janet Marie Madio	-	-	3	Prematurity
4	Roxana Tuttle	95	9	2	Arteriosclerotic heart dis- ease
9	Lora A. Smith (Potter)	90	2	24	Arteriosclerotic heart dis- ease
10	Alma N. Damon	73	7	29	Cerebral hemorrhage
14	Sadie Darling	81	3	15	cerebral hemorrhage
16	Nellie M. (Campbell) Smith	74	8	17	Coronary thrombosis
17	Baby Mary Agnes Murphy	-	2	8	Interstitial pneumonia

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Date	Name	Y	M	D	Cause of Death
October					
17	Carrie E. (Jacobs) Furbish	92	0	17	Uraemia
20	Thomas A. Jackson	89	-	-	Arteriosclerotic heart disease
21	Frederick Francis Dacey	62	5	10	Acute pulmonary edema
21	Joseph Conti	77	-	-	Ruptured abdominal aneurysm
23	Kenneth Walter Macdonald	66	-	9	Myocardial infarct
31	Esther (Bent) Spafford	84	-	-	Cerebral arterio-vascular disease
November					
1	Frank E. Ward	81	11	-	Heart disease
2	Nanette Clifford	40	7	26	Carbonmonoxide poisoning
2	Georgia F. (Balcom) Clogston	83	11	20	Cerebral hemorrhage
3	Sylvia May Spencer (Clement)	55	2	8	Cerebral embolism
6	Sarah E. "Flint" Merrill	67	-	23	Coronary thrombosis
6	William Augustine Connelly	61	9	1	Acute coronary thrombosis
13	Deborah Elizabeth Butt	0	3	8	Interstitial pneumonia
18	Mazina Stevens Grover	73	1	6	Calcific aortic stenosis
20	Martha Ingram		1	28	Arteriosclerotic heart disease
28	Unknown male	-	-	-	Presumably killed by train
28	Henrietta H. Sprague	65	11	23	Coronary thrombosis
December					
2	Francis D. Stratton	70	-	-	Heart disease
6	Francis Cullen Averill	88	1	9	Hypostatic pneumonia
6	Charles Herbert Sullivan	74	1	20	Cerebral thrombosis
8	Phyllis B. Woodside	48	7	18	Melanoma of brain
9	Katherine Nutt McLaughlin	90	7	27	Pernicious anemia
12	Winifred Agnes Page True	77	7	18	Acute coronary thrombosis
13	Harris B. Haley	77	1	6	Heart disease
14	George Francis Murphy	57	5	7	Carcinoma
18	Francis W. Wall	67	8	10	Heart disease
21	George Albert Melanson (also known as White)	60	-	-	Natural causes
24	George Winifred Sargent	63	5	8	Congestive failure
24	Francis J. Sullivan	65	-	-	Auto accident
24	Annie McHugh Sullivan	65	-	-	Auto accident
25	Grace J. Kean (Johnson)	68	2	28	Hypertensive heart disease
26	Ella G. Sawyer	86	7	18	Heart disease
27	Charles Eugene Langdon	79	0	10	Cerebral hemorrhage

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Date	Name	Y	M	D	Cause of Death
December					
27	John Mansfield	72	8	27	Diabetic Acidosis
30	Rhoda Leone Johnstone	73	-	-	Heart disease
31	Anna Mary (Waldron) Norton	4	5		Heart disease
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DELAYED RECORD OF DEATHS IN TOWN OF READING 1954

Date	Name	Y	M	D	Cause of Death
December					
31	Paul McNamara				11 mos. Hemorrhage

NOTICE TO PARENTS, HOUSEWIVES, PHYSICIANS AND MID-WIVES

Your attention is called to the sections below taken from the revised laws. Blank forms for return of birth can be obtained from the Town Clerk.

General Laws, Chap. 46, Sec. 3 (Tercentenary Edition)

(As amended By Chapter 326, Section One, Acts of 1939)

Every physician, or hospital medical officer registered under section nine of chapter one hundred and twelve, in this chapter called officer, shall keep a record of the birth of every child in cases of which he was in charge, showing date and place of birth, the name, if any, of the child, its sex and color, the name, age, birthplace, occupation and residence (including the street number, if any, and the ward number if in a city) of each parent, the maiden name of the mother and the name of the physician or officer, if any, personally attending the birth. If the child is illegitimate, the name of and other facts relating to the father and mother; provided that if an illegitimate child shall have become

legitimate by the intermarriage of his parents and the acknowledgement of his father, as provided in section seven of chapter one hundred and ninety, prior to the mailing or delivery of any report herein required, such report shall read in all respects as if such child had been born to such parents in lawful wedlock. Said physician or officer shall, within 15 days after such birth, mail or deliver to the clerk or registrar of the town where such birth occurred, a report stating the facts herein above required to be shown on said record and also the said written request, if any; provided that if said report is not so made within forty-eight hours after such birth, said physician, or officer shall within said forty-eight hours, mail or deliver to said clerk or registrar a notice stating the date and place of the birth, the street number, if any, the ward number, if in a city, and the family name. Upon presentation to him of a certificate of the town clerk stating that any such birth has been duly reported, the town treasurer shall pay to such physician or officer a fee of twenty-five cents for each birth so reported. Any physician or any such officer violating any provision of this section shall forfeit not more than twenty-five dollars. The said town clerk or registrar shall file daily with the local board of health, a list of all births reported to him, showing, as to each, the date of birth, sex, color, family name, residence; ward and physician or officer in charge.

Within sixty days after the date of the birth of any child born in the commonwealth with visible congenital deformities, or any condition apparently acquired at birth which may lead to crippling, the physician in attendance upon said births shall prepare upon a form provided by the state department of public health and file with the clerk of the town where such births occurred a report setting forth such visible congenital deformity, or any condition apparently acquired at birth which may lead to crippling.

Said clerk shall transmit forthwith to said department such supplementary report of such birth. The contents of such report shall be solely for the use of said department in connection with its functions relative to crippled children, and such report shall not be open to public inspection or constitute a public record.

General Laws, Chap. 46, Sec. 6

Parents within forty days after the birth of a child, and every householder, within forty days after a birth in his home, shall cause notice thereof to be given to the clerk of the town where such child is born.

General Laws, Chapter 111

Sections 110 and 111, require physicians, registered hospital medical officers, nurses or other attendants to report at once to the local board of health, every child one or both of whose eyes become inflamed, swollen and red and show an unnatural discharge within two weeks after birth.

REPORT OF THE TOWN COUNSEL

January 10, 1956

To the Law Committee of the Town of Reading:

I submit my final report as Town Counsel for the year 1955 as follows:

Opinions were rendered to Town Officials and Boards during the year. All tax titles have been duly foreclosed under the Statute of Low Value or by appropriate proceedings in the Land Court.

Articles and Motions have been drafted for Annual and Special Town Meetings held during the year.

Proceedings were commenced in the Middlesex Superior Court for damages resulting in taking of land by right of eminent domain for highway purposes in connection with the layout of access street to serve the new High School. The Pleadings have been completed and the case remains on the docket for trial or other disposition.

The Planning Board have taken three Appeals from the decisions of the Board of Appeals under the Zoning By-law. Pleadings were completed in behalf of the Board of Appeals and in the three cases the Petitioners seeking the variance under the Zoning Law were permitted by the Court to intervene as party respondents in order to allow such applicants to urge the Court to sustain the variance granted by the Board of Appeals. One case has been tried in the Superior Court resulting in a favorable decision to the Planning Board and the petitioner for the variance has appealed to the Supreme Judicial Court for final decision on questions of law. The other two cases are pending in the Court awaiting trial or other disposition.

During the year many cases were handled under the Old Age Assistance Law in the matter of securing reports concerning the financial resources of children in order to determine their liability to contribute to the support of their Aged Parents. Also monthly sums have been collected from such children and Petitions under recent law have been filed in Court to compel children to contribute to the support of the Old Age Assistance Recipient. A Mortgage covering the New Hampshire property was drafted by me to secure the reimbursement in an Old Age case which resulted in the recovery by the Town of \$1,235.29. Also notices of claims in behalf of the Town for reimbursement in Old Age Assistance cases have been filed in the Middlesex Probate Court against the Estate of deceased persons and in one case the sum of \$158.85 has been collected.

Three Appeals from the valuation established by the Board of Assessors upon real estate are pending before the Appellate Tax Board. During the year a favorable decision was rendered by the Appellate Tax Board sustaining the decision of the Board of Assessors in refusing to grant an exemption to a taxpayer.

Litigation is now pending in the United States District Court and the Middlesex Superior Court involving the Town and the Contractor

who was engaged in constructing the trunkline sewer to serve the new High School and several statutory liens have been filed by sub-contractors against the funds of the General Contractor in the hands and possession of the Town. This controversy has not yet been settled.

All Contract Documents were prepared by me for installing the heating system and power oil burner for the Highland School.

I also prepared and had executed Contract with Architect for the preliminary plans and surveys for a new Fire Station on Woburn Street.

Options were prepared for the acquisition of land for school purposes and also for land as proposed site for sub-station in the Town of Lynnfield for the Electric Light Department and an Option was prepared and executed for the acquisition of a small triangular piece of land for Forest Glen Cemetery in exchange for another piece of land adjacent to the Cemetery.

I caused the title covering these parcels to be examined, the Deeds and other documents to be prepared and recorded in the Middlesex South District Deeds.

Petition in behalf of the Electric Light Department was prepared and filed with the Public Utilities requesting a statutory order to locate a substation on Main Street, Lynnfield Centre, in order to furnish the Town with more adequate service and after public hearing, the matter was taken under advisement.

The titles to land to be acquired by the Town for public purposes were caused to be examined by me and Deeds and Orders of Taking were prepared so that the land was acquired by the Town for the purpose designated in the Vote adopted at Town Meeting assembled.

The final claim for damages for taking of land for trunkline sewer to serve the new High School has been settled under the supervision of the Law Committee and the necessary confirmatory Deed and Release were prepared and recorded as required by law.

Proceedings in behalf of the Town were commenced in the Middlesex Superior Court against property owner and his tenant to prevent them for committing further violations of the Zoning By-law and after hearing and by stipulation of the parties an order was entered by the Court requiring the buildings in the restricted area to be removed and certain other trailers and mobile storage units to be also removed from the premises.

Claims of the Electric Light Department have been prosecuted and a suit and real estate attachment have been commenced to collect a substantial account. Also several proofs in Bankruptcy have been filed based on claims of the Electric Light Department.

Three suits were brought against the Town in Middlesex Superior Court resulting from accidents on the highway. Several claims have been made against the Town for personal injuries and damages to motor vehicles resulting from accidents on the highways and several claims have been made for blasting operations carried on by the Board of Public Works. One suit involving serious injuries has been settled by authorization of the Law Committee and vote of the Town. There are

still pending ten suits against the Town in the Middlesex Superior Court. Seven claims have been settled by approval of the Law Committee.

I have attended on Monday evening throughout the year the regular meetings of the Board of Selectmen and as provided by the regulations of the Town I have performed every professional act required by me in the performance of the duties of my office including in part appearances in Court and hearings before Boards or Commissions, prosecution of claims in behalf of the Town, opinions to all Town Boards and Committees, investigation of accident cases and claims against the Town, drafting Deeds, Releases, Redemption Deeds, retirement of Veterans employed by the Town, decisions in dog cases, preparation and filing pleadings in the Superior, District and Land Court and such other legal matters referred to me for attention.

As I am retiring as Town Counsel at the end of this month after twenty-eight years and ten months of service I take this opportunity to publicly thank the Law Committee, All Town officials and Boards and the Citizens of Reading for the fullest measure of co-operation extended to me during my service for the Town and to my successor in office I extend my sincere wishes for a long and successful period of administration. To him also I pledge my full cooperation and counsel at any time in connection with the performance of the duties of his office.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL H. DAVIS,

Town Counsel

REPORT OF BOARD OF APPEAL

To The Board of Selectmen
Reading, Massachusetts

The undersigned submit their report for the Board of Appeal of the Town for the year 1955.

The Board heard 24 cases on 14 hearing days. All were for variations of the Zoning By-Laws. Of the total, 17 were granted and 6 were denied. 1 was conditional.

At the close of the year, one petition brought before the Board has not been heard. Decisions have been rendered on all of the aforementioned 24 cases.

GERALD E. FOSBROKE

LAWRENCE A. INGHAM

ERNEST L. NIGRO

REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Honorable Board of Selectmen
Municipal Building
Reading, Mass.

Gentlemen:

The report of the Police Department for 1955 is hereby submitted. Two Officers resigned to go into private employment, one of these had served a little over 14 months, the other had served 8 years.

There was 1 Patrolman, Robert P. Jones, appointed during the year to fill vacancy.

In August of this year an examination was held for promotion to Sergeant. John F. Beaudoin was appointed Sergeant.

Personnel of the Department at present consists of Chief, 4 Sergeants and 18 Patrolmen.

Following are the arrests and other servcies performed:

Drunkenness	96
Breaking and Entering	6
Larceny	12
Assault and Battery	2
Non-Support	2
Manslaughter	1
Arrests by warrants for other Departments	6
Juvenile Delinquents	6

Automobile Violations

Parking violations	230
Speeding	410
Driving to endanger	2
Operating under influence	10
All others	12

Other Services

Recovered bicycles	26	
Value of stolen property recovered		\$ 1,238.00
Ambulance trips	281	
Automobile accidents investigated	121	
Lost children returned	14	

Fees Collected and Turned Over to Town Treasurer

Ambulance fees	\$ 1,468.00
Bicycle Registrations	117.25

Automotive Equipment

1 1946 Cadillac Ambulance	35,200	mileage
1 1955 Ford	5,500	"
1 1956 Country Sedan	4,000	"
1 1955 Ford	31,000	"
1 1954 Ford	17,000	"

Recommendations

That the Department be increased by at least three (3) Patrolmen in 1956. That new Police Call Boxes be installed so that more foot patrols can be added.

That our 1946 Ambulance be replaced. That plans be made to enlarge the Police Station within the next five years.

During the year our Police Reserves served the Town on many occasions in addition to their Sunday Traffic Control at the Churches. Reading is indeed fortunate to have such a fine public spirited group of men who are so ready and willing to serve the Town without recompense.

In closing I wish to thank the Honorable Board of Selectmen and all the members of the Department for their continued co-operation throughout the year. Thanks also to Fire Chief Eames and his able firefighters who have rendered assistance to our Department on many occasions.

Respectfully submitted,

ROLAND E. ELLIS

Chief of Police

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my report for the year 1955.

The building construction for the past year was as follows:

181 New one family dwellings at an estimated cost of	\$1,762,700.00
64 Alterations and additions to dwellings at a cost of	77,250.00
6 Alterations and additions to business properties at an estimated cost of	15,225.00
27 New private garages at an estimated cost of	30,225.00
3 Signs	3,700.00
4 Business Buildings	45,500.00
3 Sheds	1,000.00
1 Hobby Shop	400.00
6 Raze Buildings	
1 Church Alteration	1,200.00

Total estimated cost of all new and remodeled buildings
for the past year \$1,937,200.00
Total Number of Permits 296

Fees were received in the amount of \$1,075.00. These have been turned over to the Town Treasurer and receipts received for same.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD B. CURRELL

Inspector of Buildings

BOARD OF CEMETERY TRUSTEES

Edouard N. Dube, Chairman	Term expires	1957
M. Russell Meikle, Secretary	" "	1956
William P. Pierpont	" "	1958
Ernest E. Brown	" "	1957
Stanley F. Maxwell	" "	1956
Lawrence A. Partelow	" "	1956
Fred L. Nutter (deceased)	" "	1958
David E. Hersee (retired)	" "	1956

Superintendent
HAROLD F. DAVIS

Office
Room 5, Municipal Building

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

To The Board of Cemetery Trustees,
Town of Reading, Mass.

Gentlemen:

The Superintendent's Report on the operation of the two Town Cemeteries, Laurel Hill and Forest Glen, for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1955, and the Department's 218th year of operation, (first burial Dec. 7, 1737), is herewith submitted.

Our records show 126 interments for the year. The statistics for the calendar year 1955 are as follows:

	Laurel Hill	Forest Glen	Total
Interments	46	67	113
Cremation Interments	11	2	13
Foundations:			
Monuments	10	32	42
Markers	28	10	38
Graves Repaired	76	11	87
Lots sold:			
7 Grave	2	0	2
6 Grave	0	2	2
4 Grave	0	9	9
3 Grave	0	5	5
2 Grave	0	23	23
Single Graves	0	2	2
Baby Graves	0	4	4
Welfare Graves, gratis	0	2	2
Veterans Graves, gratis	0	5	5

Nine old lots and one single grave in Laurel Hill Cemetery had perpetual care put on them and one old lot had additional care put on during 1955.

The total number of lots and graves sold and interments made to date are as follows:

Cemetery	Lots	Single Graves	Interments
Laurel Hill	1415	1142	6957
Forest Glen	371	108	484
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Total	1786	1250	7441

At Laurel Hill, Aster Path and that portion of Hazel Path running easterly from Cypress Avenue, was filled in and turfed. Ninety linear feet of a fieldstone retaining wall was constructed along the Cypress and Elm Avenue frontages of lots 38, 39 and 40. Repairs were made in the retaining wall south of Federal Street by closing in the tree wells where sixteen trees have been removed within the past nine years. Extensive repairs were made to lots 187 and 219 by regrading and the construction of retaining walls. Hurricane damage to the chain link fence south of Federal Street was repaired.

The October 27, 1955 Special Town Meeting voted to acquire a triangular lot of land containing 3,048 square feet for the enlargement of Forest Glen Cemetery, from land of Reading Acres, Inc., and in exchange therefor convey to the Reading Acres, Inc., a triangular lot of land containing 3,048 square feet. This exchange provides an access to the parcels of land purchased at the December 6, 1954 Special Town Meeting, without demolishing a rubble masonry wall.

On March 15, 1955 our Chairman, Mr. Fred L. Nutter, passed away after having served on the Board for twenty-seven years, including eight as Secretary and eight as Chairman. As one who was closely associated with Mr. Nutter for many of these years, it seems appropriate to express my personal appreciation of his valued counsel and unstinted devotion to the work of this Department.

At this time appreciation is expressed to the other Departments of the Town for their cooperation.

The financial statement will appear in the report of the Town Accountant.

Respectfully submitted,
HAROLD F. DAVIS
Superintendent

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CEMETERY TRUSTEES

The Report of the Superintendent as submitted by him is hereby approved by the Board of Cemetery Trustees and constitutes its Report to the Town.

EDOUARD N. DUBE, Chairman
M. RUSSELL MEIKLE, Secretary
WILLIAM P. PIERPONT
ERNEST E. BROWN
STANLEY F. MAXWELL
LAWRENCE A. PARTELOW
Board of Cemetery Trustees

REPORT OF CUSTODIAN OF SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' GRAVES

January 3, 1956

To The Board of Selectmen,
Town of Reading, Mass.
Gentlemen:

I herewith submit my report as Custodian of Soldiers' and Sailors' Graves for the year ending December 31, 1955. This report is predicated upon the requirements of Sec. 9, Chapter 115 of the General Laws of Massachusetts and Clause 12, Chapter 44 of the Acts of 1947.

Where Veterans of the armed services have served in more than one war of insurrection, the following listing gives the Veteran credit for only one:

Veterans	Credited Service
41	Revolutionary War
12	War of 1812
2	Mexican War
291	Civil War
1	Indian War
25	Spanish War
113	World War I
26	Mass. State Guard Service in W. W. I
32	World War II
2	Korean Service

Total	545		
Appropriation for 1955			\$ 1,200.00
Pay Roll	\$ 1,112.87		
Repairs on Veteran Graves	87.13		
		\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00

There were nineteen Veterans interred during 1955 in the Town Cemeteries as follows:

World War I

Maurice O. Reebeacker, Lot. No. 405, Forest Glen, died Dec. 29, 1954, buried Jan. 3, 1955.

Philip S. Munch, Grave No. 29, Veteran Plot, Forest Glen, died Jan. 5, 1955, buried Jan. 7, 1955.

Laurence H. White, Lot No. 268, Forest Glen, died Jan. 29, 1955, buried Feb. 1, 1955.

Robert A. Packard, Grave No. 28, Veteran Plot, Forest Glen, died Feb. 1, 1955 buried Feb. 4, 1955.

Edward B. Keene, Lot No. 288, Forest Glen, died Mar. 3, 1955, buried Mar. 7, 1955.

Dana S. Stulce Lot No. 322, Forest Glen, died Mar. 9, 1955, buried Mar. 12, 1955.

Loring W. Hamm, Lot No. 21A, Forest Glen, died Mar. 14, 1955, buried Mar. 18, 1955.

Victor E. Olsen, Lot No. 600, Forest Glen, died Apr. 20, 1955, buried Apr. 29, 1955.

Quinn W. Jordan, Grave No. 57, Veteran Plot, Forest Glen, died July 11, 1955, buried July 13, 1955.

Thomas E. Wall, Lot No. 424, Forest Glen, died Sept. 28, 1955, buried Oct. 4, 1955.

William A. Connelly, Lot No. 163, Forest Glen, died Nov. 6, 1955, buried Nov. 10, 1955.

George A. Melanson White, Grave No. 2, Veteran Plot, Forest Glen, died Dec. 21, 1955, buried Dec. 24, 1955.

George W. Sargent, Lot No. 437, Forest Glen, died Dec. 24, 1955, buried Dec. 27, 1955.

World War II

Thomas H. Ratchford, Jr., Lot No. 628, Forest Glen, died Mar. 10, 1955, buried Mar. 14, 1955.

Louis C. Babine, Jr., Lot No. 109, Forest Glen, died Aug. 20, 1955, buried Aug. 23, 1955.

Stuart F. Taylor, Lot No. 90, Forest Glen, died Oct. 11, 1955, buried Oct. 14, 1955.

Korean Service

Charles A. Ogden, Grave No. 79, Veteran Plot, Forest Glen, died in Korea Dec. 1, 1950, buried May 26, 1955. (Also World War II).

Mass. State Guard

Carl B. Sawyer, Lot No. 701, Laurel Hill, died Feb. 7, 1955, buried Feb. 25, 1955.

Charles E. Langdon, Lot No. 967 Laurel Hill, died Dec. 27, 1955, buried Dec. 29, 1955.

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Spanish War

Ernest P. Nowell, Lot No. 326, Laurel Hill, died Aug. 30, 1944, buried Sept. 1 1944.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD F. DAVIS

Custodian of Soldiers' and Sailors' Graves

AGENT FOR VETERANS' BENEFITS

January 9, 1956

Honorable Board of Selectmen
Reading, Massachusetts

I respectfully submit my report as Agent of Veterans' Benefits for the year 1955.

While employment conditions have been good our load has increased over 1954.

We have had 46 cases varying in size from an individual to a family of nine, with a total of 102 persons having been assisted with Veterans' Benefits.

In addition to the above, we have received and investigated six other applications for benefits that were rejected through ineligibility.

Our work has been under strict supervision and investigation by the State Commissioner's office through his investigators and authorizers, thus insuring the best interest for the town and the applicant.

The influx of new people coming into Reading with a large percentage of wars among them may mean a potential increase in Veterans' Benefits.

The work as Director of Veterans' Services continues to be in great demand.

We have assisted veterans to solve their problems in many ways and too numerous to keep a record of.

The expense for this service is very small compared to the results obtained.

Veterans and their dependents can readily obtain answers to their questions and help if needed.

Yours very truly,

CHARLES W. H. SMITH

Agent

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

To the Citizens of Reading:

During the past year we embarked on what proved to be an abortive program of Polio immunization with the Salk vaccine. After one dose was given to grades 1 to 3 the program was suspended. Fortunately the situation has now clarified and we anticipate that during 1956 most Reading children, ages 1 through 9, will be vaccinated. During the 1955 Polio epidemic Reading was severely hit, however, the next few years should be relatively light because we will have a highly immunized population.

Our multiple other functions have operated smoothly. Due to the increasing size of the town it is becoming urgent that this Board have a full time clerk and a public health nurse. Such requests will be included in our 1956 budget.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES R. BAISLEY, M.D.

Chairman

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF WIRES

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen,

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my report for the year 1955.

Permits were issued and inspections made on the following,

Additions to existing wiring	216	Panels (radiant)	1
Air conditioners	21	Ranges(electric)	194
Beauty shops	1	Replace damaged cable	1
Churches (additions)	6	Replace underground cable	1
Clothes dryers	41	Rewiring of switchboard	1
Dishwashers	9	Rewiring after fire	1
Dwellings (new)	186	Repairs to existing wiring	12
Dwellings (old)	7	Services (permanent)	180
Garages	3	Services (temporary)	34
Garbage disposals	12	Services (change to 3 wire)	55
Gasoline pumps	2	Schools (additions)	4
Gasoline stations	2	Signs	5
Gas heater controls	30	Stores (additions)	15
Industrial mixers	1	Stores (new)	2
Manufacturing plants	2	Telephone booths (outdoor)	2
Motors	20	Time clock systems	2
Oil burners	280	Vent fans	105
Pumps	4	Water heaters	30
		Washers (automatic)	11
		Wiring condemned	7
		X-Ray equipment	2

There were twelve violations during the year which included improper wiring and wiring without a permit, these cases were cleared up satisfactorily. Most of this work was performed by Mr. George F. Fogg who retired on November 1st, 1955, after eight years of excellent service. Each year shows an increase in the number of inspections to be made and in 1956 even more is anticipated. In the coming year, I hope that time will permit me to make a more intensive inspection of the public buildings and stores, which appears very much needed.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES F. O'DOWD

Inspector of Wires

REPORT OF THE PLUMBING INSPECTOR

To the Board of Health

Gentlemen:

The annual report of the plumbing inspector for the year ending December 31, 1955 is as follows:

Number of permits issued	382
Number of fixtures installed	1,811
Gas Storage — Hot Water Heaters	66
Electric Storage — Hot Water Heaters	49
Hot Water Tanks	10
Tankless Heaters	148
Water Closets	333
Lavatories	334
Bath Tubs	235
Showers	17
Urinals	1
Sinks	255
Laundry Trays	78
Disposals	10
Dish Washing Machines	15
Washing Machines	35
Traps	1
Soda Fountain	1
Repiping	2
Drains	1
Wash Fountain	1
Sewer Connections	56
Cesspools	163
Fees for Permits	\$ 1,140.00

Respectfully submitted,

KENNETH G. SHAW

Inspector of Plumbing

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The Board organized at a special meeting held on March 10, 1955, as follows:

Kenneth C. Latham, Chairman

Lawrence Drew, Secretary

Gilbert M. Lothrop

Boyd H. Stewart, Clerk

Regular meetings were held every Monday night with the exception of the summer months when they were held every other Monday, with special meetings being held whenever necessary. The agenda of the meetings and such hearings as were held were furnished regularly to the Reading Chronicle for weekly publication. The departments under the jurisdiction of this Board have made separate reports which appear on other pages of this publication.

The Board had several meetings with members of the Massachusetts National Guard with reference to using the facilities of the old High School. During the Annual Town Meeting and at a Special Town Meeting in October, the Town was asked for an expression of opinion as to its desire in this matter, and in both cases the Town expressed the feeling that the National Guard should be accepted.

The Board appointed a committee to study future uses of the old High School under the chairmanship of Mr. Forrest T. Benton. This committee studied the possibilities of various organizations throughout the town obtaining housing in the Old High School, and the Board is personally working in this direction.

On April 4, 1955, the Board voted to amend the Traffic Rules and Regulations to require vehicular traffic on Washington Street to come to a complete stop before entering Main Street.

Based on a vote of the Town Meeting, the Board appointed a committee to study suitable building sites for additional school housing and recreational areas. This committee is under the chairmanship of Woodbury C. Titcomb. It is anticipated that their report will be submitted to the Annual Town Meeting in 1956.

The Board also appointed a committee to study the feasibility of fluoridation of the town's public water supply as directed by vote of the Town Meeting.

On May 2, 1955, the Board voted to amend the Traffic Rules and Regulations to make the following streets one way: Sanborn St. from Woburn St. southerly to Haven St.; Linden St. from Haven St. northerly to Woburn St.; Chute St. from Haven St. Northerly to Woburn St.

The Board appointed members, as instructed by vote of the Town Meeting, of a building committee for the construction of an elementary school on Forest Street. This committee was under the chairmanship of Mr. Edward Palmer who later in the year found it necessary to resign as a result of being transferred out of state.

During the year the Board held several public hearings with reference to complaints which were filed against owners of dogs.

The Board held several meetings with the Boston and Maine Railroad and carried on considerable correspondence with regard to the crosswalk at the railroad station. Plans presently are being made for the installation of signal lights and warning bells at this location to try to prevent further accidents.

On August 8, 1955, the Board voted to take by right of eminent domain four acres of land in Dividence Meadow. On the same date it also voted to take by right of eminent domain land situated southerly of Forest St. and adjacent to Birch Meadow, estimated to contain 10.896 acres, for school purposes.

As a result of conferences with members of Boy Scout troops in Reading, the Board voted temporary use of the Town Forest to the Boy Scouts for camping sites. These facilities were to be used in conformance with a set of rules and regulations which were to be drawn up in this connection.

On October 3, 1955, as a result of many conferences, investigations, etc., the Board appointed Mr. Charles Loring as architect to prepare plans and specifications for a proposed new fire station, this station to be placed in the same location as the present Hose 2.

On October 31 we appointed Mr. James F. O'Dowd Wire Inspector to replace Mr. George Fogg who retired due to ill health.

On November 26 we perambulated the bounds of North Reading with members of the North Reading Board of Selectmen.

The Town has held several conferences with representatives of the Addison-Wesley Publishing Company regarding their construction of new facilities on land off South St. on Route 128 in Reading. The facts of this anticipated construction were presented before the Special Town Meeting in October, 1955, at which time the unanimous consent was granted to this Board toward encouraging this organization to settle in Reading.

At this time we wish to express our appreciation to the Finance Committee and all other town departments with whom we have worked throughout the year for their splendid cooperation. Also, we wish to thank the many committees appointed for the excellent job which they are doing.

Respectfully submitted,

LAWRENCE DREW, Secretary

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF THE
Town of Reading, Massachusetts
for the year ended
December 31, 1955

IN MEMORIAM

ARTHUR B. LORD, A.B., M.Ed.

Superintendent of Schools

Appointed August 1, 1948

Died July 21, 1955

DOROTHY L. CRONIN, B.S.Ed., M.Ed.

Teacher of Grade Two, Highland School

Appointed September 1, 1933

Died June 5, 1955

JOHN G. HOLBROOK, A.B.

Teacher of Social Studies, Reading High School

Appointed September 1, 1955

Died September 25, 1955

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

Paul R. Bergholtz, 45 Middlesex Avenue	Term expires 1958
Barbara Winkler, 52 Pearl Street	" " 1958
Robert E. Turner, 78 Middlesex Avenue	" " 1957
William E. Burpee, 178 Wakefield Street	" " 1957
Philip R. White, Chairman, 189 Summer Avenue	" " 1956
Newell H. Morton, 198 Woburn Street	" " 1956

School Committee Office

High School Building 62 Oakland Road

RE 2-0180 and RE 2-2384

Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

During Summer Vacation 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Superintendent of Schools

Robert F. Perry 22 Dudley Street

Secretary to the Superintendent

Mae A. Tanner 26 Mineral Street

Clerks in School Committee Office

Margaret A. McMullen 56 Intervale Terrace

Irene E. Reichardt 90 Vine Street

School Physician

Dr. Robert W. Wakeling 60 Lowell Street

Supervisor of Maintenance

Roderick E. Macdonald 11 John Carver Road

Attendance Officer

Robert A. Grundy 25 Lewis Street or 74 Haven Street

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

To the Citizens of Reading:

The School Committee herewith submits its annual report.

The year 1955 has been a year of transition for the School Committee. In February of this year, Superintendent Arthur B. Lord became ill and was unable to carry on the duties of his office again. The whole community was saddened at his untimely death in July of the same year. In the meantime the Committee elected Robert F. Perry as Assistant Superintendent of Schools. After Mr. Lord's death, Mr. Perry was elected Superintendent of Schools. Mr. Perry had long been Principal of the Junior High School and is respected and admired throughout the Town and in educational circles all over the state as an outstanding administrator. This fine administrative talent, combined with the fact that he has lived in Reading a long time and is familiar with our problems and idiosyncrasies, has helped to prove Mr. Perry the ideal choice for the position.

The School Committee was already running short-handed, since Mr. Glover had resigned in December and Mrs. Milton had made known her intention not to seek re-election. Following the Town election in March the Committee reorganized with two freshman members.

The largest single project proceeding during the year, outside of the regular operation of the schools, has been the beginning of the development of the Birch Meadow recreation area. The Birch Meadow Study Committee, which had been set up at the 1954 Town Meeting, came into the 1955 Town Meeting with a very fine report on the site and specific recommendations for the future development of the area for school athletic facilities, public playgrounds, roads, parking areas, and so on. As a result of this report, the Town voted the sum of \$85,000.00 to begin the development of Birch Meadow. The School Committee had the supervision of this project and immediately set to work to carry it out. All of the Meadow was rough graded, and in Play Area I, on the map prepared by the Study Committee, drainage was installed, and the surface is receiving finish grading and seeding. A quarter-mile cinder track was also laid out. One of the biggest problems in operating our High School, with its enrollment of a thousand students, has been the lack of adequate outdoor play space. Because this area, which has been under development this year, is adjacent to the High School and presented fewest drainage problems, it seemed the logical place to start to remedy this lack. Besides the fact that transporting teams back and forth for practice and games at other playgrounds during the football and baseball seasons is expensive and unsatisfactory, we haven't enough outdoor space to develop a full athletic program for both boys and girls in the High School.

In the matter of buildings we are still plagued by a shortage of classrooms for elementary children. When school opened in September, enrollment was up one hundred sixty-nine over last year. In the annual

shuffling around to find space, the sixth grades are caught in the pinch. This year, besides the three in the Prospect Street School and one in the Pearl Street School, we have housed three in the Junior High School and two in the High School. From an educational standpoint this is not good practice, but no other solution presents itself at the moment. The 1955 Town Meeting set up a committee to explore and make recommendations for a school on the Forest Street site. The need for a new elementary school there has become increasingly obvious, and we hope the annual shuffling of children from one school to another as a policy of expediency will come to an end before too long.

The Maintenance Department of the schools has also been going through a period of transition. Robert Vars resigned as Supervisor of Maintenance, and Mr. Roderick Macdonald, who has for some years been Director of our Industrial Arts Department, has been doing the work on a part time basis. He is endeavoring to become familiar with the whole department and is gradually getting the problem under control.

Back in the difficult area of teachers' salaries we are by no means out of the woods, although the 1955 Town Meeting voted sufficient funds so that minimum and maximum salaries and annual step-ups could be increased. We must bear in mind, however, that Reading, along with every other town in the United States, must face an increasingly serious shortage of teachers each year, and about the only means of putting ourselves into a good competitive position in hiring and keeping good teachers is by offering more money. This doesn't mean, however, that we want to go on record as believing that straight across-the-board salary increases will automatically guarantee us an unending supply of good classroom teachers. The problem is not that simple; nor is its solution. We do believe that it is the individual classroom teacher who ultimately makes or breaks our school system, and we must keep that constantly **in mind**.

Our policy in facing this problem and every other one in connection with the schools must be decided by asking ourselves, first, "What do we want from schools in Reading?", and then, "How can we best provide this for all the children of Reading?".

Respectfully submitted,

PAUL R. BERGHOLTZ
WILLIAM E. BURPEE
NEWELL H. MORTON
ROBERT E. TURNER
PHILIP R. WHITE, Chairman
BARBARA WINKLER

SCHOOL COMMITTEE BUDGET — 1955

Appropriations, Transfers & Refunds 1955		Expended 1955
SALARIES:		
\$ 35,795.90	Supt., Clerks and Enf. of Law	\$ 34,147.01
24,366.64	Directors	24,366.64
1,600.00	Misc. Salaries of Instruction	1,640.00
28,199.98	Principals	27,912.47
492,372.40	Teachers	487,179.52
73,040.89	Janitors and Matrons	70,177.25
8,931.98	Health	8,191.83
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\$664,307.79		\$653,614.72
MAINTENANCE:		
\$ 1,000.00	Supt. Office Expense	
125.00	Refund	
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1,125.00		\$ 1,200.72
300.00	Research and Professional Study	297.45
600.00	Printing	497.50
600.00	Travel Expenses	262.09
750.00	Prin. Office Expense	563.78
3,500.00	Telephones	2,999.25
150.00	Travel Expense — Enf. of Law	150.00
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\$ 7,025.00	Total General Control	\$ 5,970.79
INSTRUCTION:		
\$ 700.00	Travel Expense of Directors	\$ 658.97
11,000.00	Textbooks and Supplementary Books	11,107.04
14,510.00	Supplies — School	14,452.31
2,000.00	Supplies — Shop	2,026.03
1,000.00	Supplies — Domestic Science	934.42
1,000.00	Film	484.92
2,000.00	Physical Ed Equipment	1,832.55
1,500.00	Tests	1,320.65
5,281.10	Instructional Apparatus	6,045.83
300.00	Express Charges	208.19
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\$ 39,291.10	Total Instruction	\$ 39,070.91

OPERATION OF PLANT:

\$ 25,000.00	Fuel	\$ 22,781.02
2,400.00	Water and Sewer	1,523.18
10,000.00	Electricity	8,997.39
600.00	Gas	346.55
500.00	Laundry and Summer Cleaning	295.03
300.00	Ash Removal	456.89
400.00	Exp. of Supr. of Bldgs. and Grounds	325.37
7,000.00	Janitors Supplies	6,989.53
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\$ 46,200.00	Total Operation of Plant	\$ 41,714.96

MAINTENANCE OF PLANT:

\$ 2,489.00	Grounds	\$ 2,465.62
6,123.00	Buildings	7,271.59
900.00	Service System	810.43
3,090.00	Plumbing and Heating	3,238.01
335.00	Furniture Repair	62.23
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\$ 12,927.00	Total Maintenance of Plant	\$ 13,847.88

AUXILIARY AGENCIES:

\$ 3,000.00	Library	\$ 2,501.58
500.00	Health Expenses	612.04
400.00	Commencement	350.53
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\$ 3,900.00	Total Auxiliary Agencies	\$ 3,464.15

CAPITAL OUTLAY:

\$ 2,620.70	New Equipment and Furniture	\$ 2,502.97
\$111,848.80	Total General Maintenance	
125.00	Refund	
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\$111,973.80		\$106,571.66
664,307.79	Total Salaries	653,614.72
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\$776,281.59	Grand Total	\$760,186.38
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24,466.00	Transportation	20,653.01
4,000.00	Vocational Tuition	3,189.71
4,500.00	Athletic Account	4,500.00
3,450.00	Pension Account	861.24
1,800.00	School Car	1,400.00
14,455.43	Highland School Boiler	14,451.18

READING SCHOOL COMMITTEE — 1956

Receipts not from Tax Levy — Showing Net Cost to Town

January 2, 1956

Estimate 1956	1955
GENERAL ACCOUNT	
Appropriation Credits	
\$838,544.81	
	Total Expenditures (less transportation) \$760,186.38
	Receipts:
\$127,306.70	State Reimbursement (estimate) \$102,976.71
50,400.00	Tuition 60,626.36
2,500.00	Tuition — other 4,262.28
181,206.70	Sundry 1,106.98
\$657,338.11	Net Cost to Town \$591,214.05
VOCATIONAL TUITION	
\$ 3,000.00	Total Expenditures \$ 3,189.71
	Receipts:
1,500.00	State Reimbursement 1,346.72
\$ 1,500.00	Net Cost to Town \$ 1,842.99
TRANSPORTATION	
\$ 25,000.00	Total Expenditures \$ 20,653.01

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Committee and Citizens of Reading:

I herewith submit my first report as Superintendent of Schools for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1955, it being the sixty-third in a series of such reports.

Two important and significant reports dealing with school problems were submitted to the Town Meeting members at their annual meeting in March. The first report was that of the committee appointed to study the problem of additional schoolhouse facilities established by the following vote at the Annual Town Meeting on April 5, 1954:

"Article 30. On motion of Philip R. White it was voted that there be and hereby is established a committee composed of seven members for the purpose of studying the matter of additional schoolhouse facilities, such committee to consist of one member from the School Committee, one from the Planning Board, one from the Board of Public Works, one from the Finance Committee, such members to be appointed by their respective Boards and Committees, and three members to be appointed by the Moderator from the Town at large, and such committee to report at subsequent Town Meeting to be held not later than the Annual Town Meeting of March, 1955."

The members of this committee included the following citizens:

Frank Zeo, Chairman	Newell H. Morton (School Committee)
Eleanor C. Bishop, Secretary	L. Lloyd David (Planning Board)
Irving C. Austin	Kenneth R. Johnson (Public Works)
	John R. Kay (Finance Committee)

The task of this committee was to study the matter of additional schoolhouse facilities, a problem that faces thousands of communities throughout the country as the result of rapidly expanding school enrollment. As a result of this study, which was well documented with statistics dealing with local population growth, rising birth rates, enrollment projections, and distribution and location of children in the town of pre-school age, the committee summarized their recommendations as follows:

- "1. New **ELEMENTARY SCHOOL** — Authorize money for the preparation of plans and surveys for the construction of an elementary school of approximately 16 rooms to open in September 1957.
2. **SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE** — Establish a School Building Committee for the purpose of the construction of an elementary school.
3. **SITE SELECTION COMMITTEE** — Establish a Site Selection Committee to study and investigate suitable sites in the Town for additional schools where growth is expected.
4. **OLD HIGH SCHOOL** — Exclude the Old High School from all future consideration in school plant planning.
5. **LOWELL STREET SCHOOL** — Abandon the Lowell Street School upon opening of the recommended new elementary school.
6. **ANNUAL CENSUS** — Make an annual census of children of pre-school age.

7. ENROLLMENT PROJECTION — Revise yearly the school enrollment projection and related statistics."

Under Articles 31 and 32 of the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting of March 21, 1955, the Town voted to establish a building committee and appropriated \$10,000.00 for consulting engineers and architectural services, preliminary plans, and surveys for the construction of an elementary school on a site located off Forest Street near the Birch Meadow area. The members of this building committee are as follows:

Edward Palmer, Chairman
John Austin, Secretary
William Burpee (School Committee)
Emerson Willard (Finance Committee)
Kenneth Johnson (Board of Public Works)
William Florence
Thomas Galvin

This committee has been at work since May 31, 1955. It selected an architect, visited many elementary schools throughout the Commonwealth, consulted with the Massachusetts Building Assistance Commission, studied and approved preliminary plans for an elementary school of 18 classrooms with auxiliary facilities, and will submit its report at a special Town Meeting scheduled for January 30, 1956.

The second valuable report was submitted by a special committee known as the "Birch Meadow Study Committee", appointed pursuant to a vote of the Town of Reading at its adjourned Annual Town Meeting held on March 22, 1954. This committee was appointed to make a comprehensive study of the future development of the Birch Meadow area relating to school athletic facilities, playgrounds, access roads, etc., and consisted of the following citizens:

William Dolben, Chairman; Charles L. Richardson, Jr., Gilbert Lothrop, William Herrick, Lawrence Cate (Capital Expenditures Committee), Carl Pitman (Finance Committee), Harold Kilgore, Jr., (Board of Public Works), Robert Turner (School Committee).

As pointed out in the report of the School Committee, a start has already been made in this long-range project for development of Birch Meadow which, when completed, will provide the Town and the School Department excellent and adequate playing fields and facilities for outdoor sports and recreation.

ENROLLMENT

The schools opened in September with an enrollment of 3,332 pupils, an increase of 169 pupils over the enrollment as of October 1, 1954. As predicted in the report of the Committee for Additional School House Facilities, the elementary schools were 6 classrooms over capacity. In September 1956 it will be necessary to find space for two additional classrooms of elementary school pupils, making the elementary school enrollment 8 rooms over the capacity of the present school plant facilities.

As of December 1, 1955, the enrollment in the various school buildings was as follows:

Senior High	1039 (includes 48 in Grades 6)
Junior High	645 (includes 85 in Grades 6 and 10—Special Education)
Highland	392 Grades 1-5
Eaton	563 Grades 1-5
Pearl Street	471 Grades 1-6
Prospect	103 1 Grade 5, 3 Grade 6
Lowell Street	120 Grades 1-4

3,333

STAFF

Most people today understand that the public schools are faced with two serious problems as the result of the pressure of increased enrollments. School housing and the shortage of qualified teachers are vying for first place as the number one problem. We shall probably be able to supply the bricks and mortar to build school houses, but bricks and mortar do not make a school. Far more than anything else, the quality of teachers and of teaching will determine the quality of education in the years ahead. To secure good teachers Reading must compete with other school systems in a market of personnel where the demand far exceeds the supply.

The present personnel of the School Department includes 134 teachers (39 men and 95 women), 5 Principals, 5 Directors, 2 Nurses, 1 Physician, 10 Secretaries, and 21 custodians and matrons, a total of 178. This growth of our School Department is obvious when these figures are compared with the 134 people necessary to staff our schools 5 years ago.

There were 30 new teachers on our staff when school opened in September as the result of vacancies created for the following reasons:

1. Fifteen teachers resigned to accept teaching positions in other communities at increased salaries.
2. Six teachers gave up teaching for various reasons.
3. One teacher was drafted for military service.
4. One death.
5. Seven teachers were appointed to fill positions because of increase in enrollment in the schools.

THE WORK OF THE SCHOOLS

Reading has long been proud of the work of its schools. It has been equally proud of its good town government, two factors which make the town a good place in which to live, a desirable place to bring up a family. Parents and citizens have been generous in their support of the schools, as indicated by the wide participation in Parent-Teacher activities as well as a willingness to support the school program financially.

To summarize the work of the schools during the past year, I refer you to the reports submitted by the Principals, the Director of Guidance and the Director of Health.

In conclusion, the Superintendent wishes to express his appreciation to the School Committee, principals, teachers, secretaries, custodians, cafeteria employees, and the many groups associated with the schools, for their helpful cooperation, understanding and advice during the year. It is a real privilege to be associated with so many fine people, but in particular with members of the School Committee, who give so generously of their time and energy to the work and service of providing the best possible educational program for our boys and girls within the limits of our resources.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT F. PERRY,

Superintendent of Schools

REPORT OF THE HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

In this brief report on the senior high school it is obvious that not all phases of the work of the school can be covered. However, an attempt is made to set forth what are perhaps some of the important essentials.

To begin with, the new building inspires both pupils and teachers to do their best work. Also the new building is a constant reminder to individuals and groups of parents as well as non-Reading visitors that the School Committee and people of Reading take an intelligent and purposeful attitude toward education. The pupils are proud of their new school with all its modern facilities, and this attitude is reflected in the fine spirit of the student body.

When the new high school was opened in September, 1954, we were faced with the problem of expansion, not only because the 9th grade was added but also because with adequate space expansion of the curriculum not possible in the old high school now became possible. This, of course, meant the expansion of the teaching staff and also involved one of the major, if not the major problem facing a Superintendent. That there exists and probably will continue to exist a vast teacher shortage is well known or should be to every citizen. Normal replacement of teachers under these conditions is difficult enough, but when a rapid expansion of the teaching staff enters the picture, the task of recruiting suitable teachers becomes heavy indeed. However, through perseverance, much visiting and correspondence, searching and inquiring, plus good fortune, a very adequate addition to the old staff was found. These newly added teachers have, on the whole, made a satisfactory addition to our staff. Due to budget limitation some of our new teachers were without previous classroom experience. All had courses in education and most of them had a few months of practice teaching. These new teachers have been helped and trained during the past year by the older members of our staff and through the medium of section and full staff meetings.

Our basic staff, department heads and section leaders, I feel, are teachers of superior qualifications. Because of this key group of teachers which have been with us a number of years the Reading High School has been able to maintain its strong position in New England as an institution of learning. Reading has for many years maintained an enviable record insofar as college entrance by its graduates is concerned. Every year our graduates' names appear on the rolls of honor students in the better institutions of higher learning throughout the country. Also our graduates make good in the business world and professional and social life of the nation.

There still exists among our pupils as well as, unfortunately, among our adults a lack of understanding of the difference between freedom and license. It is the over-all effort of our staff to set our pupils straight on these matters by increasing their understanding of the responsibilities which they face after leaving school. This is done through various approaches, teaching the enjoyment of the arts, reading beyond regular class assignments, listening, viewing reception through mass media, even research. We feel and try to inculcate in our boys and girls that systematic education must not stop with graduation. To help in developing this concept we have a well-developed film program, talks by outside speakers, a systematic bi-monthly round table and lecture program provided at no cost by a group of experts representing nearly all trades, jobs, professions, and vocations. Pupils have here an opportunity to see what lies beyond graduation and how to prepare for it.

Health education and physical education are provided for quite adequately. Because of the reorganization of the duties of the physical education staff and coaches a smoother operating program has resulted. Through the regular medium of physical check-up by the School Nurse, School Doctor, and Dean of Girls, the health of our pupils received reasonable attention. Our cafeteria, where good food in variety is served in clean surroundings, is an aid to good health.

Specifically in the field of science an effort by the teachers is made to keep abreast of the new atomic development. In the not too distant future we might consider adding a course in the field of electronics. The elements of this field of electricity, sound, and projection might well become a part of our now well developed industrial arts program.

The home economics course, formerly handicapped by inadequate facilities, is now developing nicely in its new quarters under the direction of two experienced and well trained women. It is a popular course and growing in numbers. Various areas of clothing, foods, homemaking, and child care are covered.

Our business course continues to be strong, and at least the upper half of our graduates from this course have no difficulty in locating jobs and making good as secretaries and office workers. As in the past, we have inquiries for our girls from substantial firms long before graduation. While the upper half of this group is placed in the better jobs, many of the remainder of this group find or are placed in adequate jobs. Usually this group, the lower 50%, take further training and then go on to better positions.

Many of our girls go into nursing and because of the demand for nurses we have tried to encourage girls to go into this necessary occupation through the medium of a new course in Anatomy. This course is very well taught.

The Art course is expanding and is becoming more effective in the new Art center. Here, future commercial artists can get a start. Pure art for the sake of intellectual growth and appreciation is being taught. Pupils get some practical experience in decorating in the school for parties, dances, and important events.

Our Yearbook, THE PIONEER, a product of some fifty pupils under the guidance of the English and Art Departments, has for the past several years won first National place with the exception of 1953, when THE PIONEER placed second in its class (offset printing). Editors, cartoonists, profile writers, essayists, dummy arrangers, and other departments are all student staffed. The financial aspects of the sizeable project are handled by still another group under the guidance of another member of the staff.

The out-of-door athletic facilities, not yet ready, should afford additional opportunities for athletic exercises and competition. Field hockey, LaCrosse, additional track and field sports are a few that can be contemplated. These added sports when they become a reality will entail further budget adjustments and probably call for addition, not so much with relation to personnel, although this may be the case, but rather for equipment and team transportation to other schools. Of course, we are far better off now than in the old school for we do have quite a sizeable out-of-doors area for physical exercises for both boys and girls.

Library. We are very fortunate to have a fine, intelligent and hard working librarian. She has arranged the library in such a way that it is not only an attractive place to conduct research but it is highly functional. Each year more volumes are needed to replace wornout copies of books, and, of course, there is need to expand the facilities by adding more volumes. The librarian conducts library education classes throughout the year for all grades, especially freshmen, and even the 6th grade has been included. Some 15 pupils have been selected as library assistants.

Number of volumes in library	2415
Circulation—Fiction	3149
Non-Fiction	3484
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6633 for school year	

Music. Instrumental music, especially the band, is showing marked improvement. The vocal aspects of our program are just now showing signs of improvement and I hope and expect that by June 1956 we shall be well under way toward having acceptable singing groups. The band concert given last Spring was a fairly good performance and seemed to forecast better things to come. A small but rather active dance band and string ensemble are indications of more participation by pupils in this field of education.

The school's newspaper which comes out eight times a year, is well conceived and well done. Though only a few months old, the paper rates well with other local high school newspapers. This paper is financed entirely out of high school funds.

Given on our new stage, the annual high school play gained importance because of the new facilities, and for the first time in the history of Reading High School we were in a position to invite the Drama Festival to our school. Eight schools participated in the festival, which was a success and enjoyed by many pupils and parents. Groups of one-act plays have also been produced and more play production work is contemplated.

The custodians, a most important group of people in any school, are doing a good job. Some readjustments in personnel affected last fall have improved an already fair arrangement so that now the building receives good care as to cleanliness, minor repair, and comfort for pupils and faculty.

Number of Graduates, June 1955	171
Number of pupils in 8th grade, September 1955	278
Probable enrollment, September 1956	1,017

Respectfully submitted,

RUDOLF SUSSMANN, Principal

REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF THE WALTER S. PARKER JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Enrollment — December 1, 1955:

Remedial Workshop	10
Grade 6	85
Grade 7	267
Grade 8	283
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	645

Grade 8 Electives:

Business Training	86
French	33
Latin	45
Home Economics	36
Shop	72
Study	11
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	283

Instruction

1. The following standardized tests have been used during the year:
 - A. Otis Quick Scoring — for rechecking I Qs.
 - B. California Short Form — Grade 6.
 - C. Differential Aptitude Test — Grade 8.
 - D. Cooperative Tests in General Science — Grades 7 and 8.
 - E. Curriculum Tests in Mathematics — Grades 7 and 8.
 - F. Stanford & McCall Spelling Tests — Grades 7 and 8.
2. Since each Sixth Grade group in our building came from a different elementary school this year, it was administratively expedient

to integrate them into the Junior High School. By departmentalizing the Sixth Grade it was possible to have regular Junior High teachers take over certain Sixth Grade classes and vice versa. As a result most teachers were able to confine their teaching to subjects in their specific fields. This prevented a situation in which teachers would have been called on to teach subjects for which they had no aptitude or liking, or alternatively, hiring an extra teacher. This arrangement made possible a higher general level of teaching.

3. The Music department is continuing a logical expansion of its field in our school. Mr. Oliver has started a Junior High band designed to function as a separate unit. At present it is of fairly recent origin, but its progress to this point indicates a strong organization based on the interests of musically inclined pupils. Its 40 members play reasonably well after a limited number of rehearsals and should contribute to a stronger band in the Senior High in the future.

Last spring the combined Boys' Chorus and Girls' Glee Club presented THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE by Gilbert & Sullivan in costume, both to the school and as a paid evening performance. Their program was very creditable for their age level.

4. On early closing Thursdays the afternoons are devoted to meetings with Grade or Department chairmen. Meetings of the same groups, as well as general staff meetings, are held on other Thursdays. The grade meetings are taken up with plans for group guidance during home room periods and with problems of individual pupils. The department meetings are concerned with curriculum revision, teaching procedures and techniques, and establishing satisfactory tests. In all types of meetings we have in mind the problem of orienting and integrating new teachers, which in itself takes considerable time.

Miscellaneous

1. Four meetings of the Parent-Teacher Association were held during the year. One of these is in the nature of an informal afternoon tea, whose primary purpose is to give parents an opportunity to become acquainted with the school and the teachers. It also affords girls in the Home Economics department with valuable practical experience. The three other meetings take place in the evening. After a brief business meeting some phase of school work or activity is explained and demonstrated to the parents, following which parents have an opportunity to visit teachers.

2. With the exception of items included in the 1956 budget the school is in fine physical condition and does not give the impression of being as old as it is. Work done this past year includes painting second and third floor corridors, health room, and the old health room office, and retubing one of the boilers.

3. The Remedial Workshop, ably conducted by Mrs. Garfield, occupies the Conference room and old health room office. The old bicycle room, under Room 101, is being converted to a Mechanical Drawing and planning room. Classes will then be held in every available room of the school except for the Health Room and the Library, the latter being used as a home room.

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT H. WOODWARD, Principal

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT FOR 1955

Submitted by Ara A. Karakashian

During 1955 the Guidance Department has worked in various ways to further its overall aim of establishing new, and improving existing facilities for focusing attention on individual pupils in our schools so that each pupil might be helped to grow at an optimum rate. ..Primarily because of personnel limitations progress has been much slower than the Director desires.

Under existing circumstances and with growing high school population now in excess of 1,000 pupils, an attempt is being made this year to accomplish some guidance through group procedures. At the junior high school level where provisions were made previously for adequate home room programming and for frequent staff meetings for the planning and implementation of common projects, there appears to be some promise of effective work in this area. At the high school level, for lack of a better solution, an attempt has been made to meet the needs of pupils in three specific areas. A surevy conducted last year revealed a desire on the part of many pupils for information and help in arranging workable study schedules and in developing more efficient study habits. To this end the Wrenn Study Habits Inventory has been or is being administered to all 9th and 10th grade pupils during home room periods on Wednesday afternoons. The purpose of this instrument is to help students gain insight into their own study habits and to see if these habits are good or bad. Instruction sheets and guides have been provided homeroom teachers for organizing group discussions after the inventories have been scored and for assisting pupils in arranging equitable study schedules.

In the same way the Mooney Problem Check List has also been or is being administered to all 9th and 10th graders for a four-fold purpose. This instrument serves as a gross screening device for picking out and referring pupils who appear to be burdened with a multitude of problems to individual counseling and possibly further referral. It serves to point out to pupils and teachers alike, problems that are commonly shared by teenagers and provides a guide for group discussions that pupils might benefit from.

The Kuder Preference Record, an interest inventory, is being administered to the 11th graders to stimulate constructive thinking and planning of educational and/or vocational nature. Home room teachers have been provided with instruction sheets and guides for helping pupils interpret scores and in locating and evaluating significant vocational information.

The work that was begun last year in evaluating and modifying the testing program in our schools is being carried on. Sample specimens of various newer intelligence and other tests have been obtained and are being studied by supervising principals of the elementary schools to see where and when substitutions might be made to improve the kind and quality of the data we wish to obtain on our elementary pupils.

This year again was a "catch-up" year as far as testing at the high school level was concerned. For purposes of obtaining comparable scores for guidance and replacement purposes the Otis Gamma Test of Mental Maturity and the Cooperative Reading Comprehension Test (C1-Lower) were administered to all pupils in grades 9, 10 and 11. These tests have all been scored and results have been or are being transcribed on permanent record cards for benefit of classroom teachers and administrators. As a result of the Reading Tests two groups of freshmen are now receiving special help in Reading in addition to work done in their regular English classes.

Eleventh grade pupils in the high school and 8th grade pupils in the Junior High School have taken the differential aptitude Test Battery and soon will be having counseling interviews in which their scores will be interpreted to them. Eighth-graders will be assisted in selecting integrated programs of study for their 4 years in high school while post high school education and vocational plans will be stressed with eleventh graders.

In May and again in September of this year we cooperated with the Educational Testing Service in the final standardization of their new School and College Ability Tests. At both times these tests were administered to all 10th, 11th and 12th grade students. We have already received the scores for the tests administered in May, and preliminary examination indicates that they will be useful to us in the future since these tests are part of a program initiated by Educational Testing Service to provide a standard instrument for measuring development of academic ability from grade 4 through grade 14.

In cooperation with the Woburn office of the U.S.E.S., fifty-four non-college, non-business senior boys and girls were given the General Aptitude Test Battery during October and November. When results of these tests are received they will be used in vocational counseling of these pupils.

Last May, 40 juniors were encouraged to take the Scholastic Aptitude portions of the College Entrance Examination Board Tests as a means of helping them think more realistically of their college choices. To date almost 60 seniors have signed up for the C.E.E.B. tests. Representatives of various institutions of higher learning have visited and are visiting the high school to confer with interested students. Eleven seniors took the special scholarship examinations sponsored by the C.E.E.B. in October.

Juniors and seniors in College Preparatory English Classes have been given the Nelson-Denny Reading Test this year for a better evaluation of their reading abilities in comparison to college students. As in the past, Cooperative Achievement Tests in appropriate subject matter areas were administered last spring and will be administered again in the Spring of '56.

Through subscription to the Chronicle Guidance Service and by making selective purchases from other sources, our library of vocational and related materials continues to improve. This year as in the past, a series of well organized Occupational Conferences has been arranged in cooperation with Roland Darling and Northeastern University. In

addition, programs on the Armed Services and other pertinent subjects have been arranged.

The screening of retarded elementary pupils for possible special class placement will get underway soon. A relatively large number of pupils were tested by Dr. Foote and the traveling clinic last winter with home visitations and follow-ups being made by Mrs. Clewley and myself. Several conferences were held subsequently with elementary principals and parents, and as a result we now have one special class of 10 pupils ranging in age from 11 to 14 in the Junior High School. As the school population continues to grow, the need for more classes of this type will become more pressing and it is likely that we may have to provide for such additional classes at the primary and secondary levels in the relatively near future.

Steps have been taken to provide a more adequate and continuous form of Cumulative Record. Meetings have been scheduled with elementary principals and teachers to discuss and decide ways and means whereby the new folders can be used most effectively.

Little or no work has been done in some areas that need much attention. Job placement and follow-up of graduates and drop-outs is still very much a "catch-as-catch-can" proposition. Statistical analysis and scientific evaluation of test results and other procedures are still nothing much more than an unfulfilled wish. Systematic record-keeping and adequate follow-up of counselors remains a practical impossibility. Progress is being made in some areas but many problems will remain unsolved or at best partially solved until the guidance staff is adequately manned.

ANNUAL REPORT — SUPERVISOR OF HEALTH

Margaret B. Clewley

All essential health services — testing of vision, hearing and physical examination, with the resultant notices and parental conferences — were completed for the year ending June 1955. Vision testing with the Massachusetts Vision Tester was done in the Senior High School for the first time. Due to lack of a room in which to function, previous testing had been done by the old Snellen E card, hung in the classroom, a totally inadequate procedure. Audiometer tests were not attempted in High School.

The program of inoculation with Triple and Double Antigen (Diphtheria, Pertussis, Tetanus) was planned and clinics held in all the elementary schools in the spring. Four clinics for infants and children were held in the Town Building, from March into June.

The organization, administration and physical carrying out of the clinics for the giving of the Salk vaccine for Polio was a highlight of the year. The short time for preparation and multiplicity of details required, imposed a terrific strain and necessitated hours of work.

The Dental Clinic is a function of the Board of Health. Last year we cared for 234 children, several visits for each child.

The vision testing for this year is completed with the exception of a very few absentees to be picked up later. The parents of all pupils

failing the test are notified and examination by an eye specialist recommended, unless the records show the pupil to already have the best correction possible.

No. of pupils failed	187
No. of parents notified	132
No. already seen by eye specialist	58

A complete report is submitted to each school so that the teachers may be informed. After the report from the doctor is entered upon the pupil's health card, it is put in the pupil's individual folder. In the absence of a report showing that the pupil has received care, a follow-up will be instituted in the form of a visit, a letter, or whatever seems best in the individual case.

All the children who are tested annually due to a known hearing deficiency have been done, plus a group requested by teachers. The Eaton and Highland Schools are completed and in January the program will be continued to completion. The method of reporting failures, follow-up, etc., is the same as with vision.

The practice of notifying parents of children due for a physical examination was resumed this year. The parents are thus given the opportunity to have the examination done by the family doctor if they wish, in which case they are furnished with a record form to be filled out by the examining physician and returned to me. This procedure is recommended by the State Department of Public Health. There is no quarrel with the philosophy behind it but it results in more paper work, postage, and many parents who do not follow through and have the examination done.

It has been a pleasure to work with Dr. Wakeling. The technique of the examination is good, complete, and his manner is pleasant; he likes the children. The number of defects is few and strikingly fall into two classifications — dental and an accumulation of wax sufficient to occlude seeing the ear drum, a condition easily remedied, which may impair hearing. I have devised a form for reporting this condition. Only occasionally do we have a family in Reading who refuses to recognize the need of correcting physical defects.

The addition of Mrs. McKenney to the health staff has been of great advantage. It has enabled us to complete the vision testing program in the first term of the school year, as well as be well through other phases of the program. There has been more time for home visiting during the hours when the child in question is in school; this is of great advantage. There has also been more time available for conferences in the classroom; this will be even more so in the next term of the school year.

Mrs. Lazenby continues to help with her high quality of service. The demands on her time are so many that it is difficult to complete her secretarial duties. Some days there is a constant stream of pupils requiring attention, and she spends much time helping them, 'phoning home, getting taxis, and so on.

Sincerely,
MARGARET B. CLEWLEY, Director of Health

REPORTS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

SUMMARY

HIGHLAND SCHOOL

Miss R. Hilda Gaffney, Supervising Principal

The Highland School staff has the largest turnover in teaching personnel of all of our schools. Six of the thirteen teachers were new to the staff when school opened in September. However, we are fortunate to have obtained the services of new teachers who are doing excellent work in their new positions. The large number of changes on the staff that have taken place in recent years has been disturbing to parents and to the school administration. We hope that another year will find the staff intact and continuing on with the fine work they have begun this year.

In June 1955 the faculty, parents and boys and girls of the school were saddened by the death of Miss Dorothy Cronin. Miss Cronin had taught in Reading for twenty-two years. She was an outstanding teacher and had the affection and respect of parents, pupils and all who worked with her.

The Highland School no longer has room to take care of the sixth grade pupils. Pupils in this district of this grade are housed in the Junior High School and the Senior High School. Next year it will be necessary to transfer in addition to the sixth grades one room of fifth grade pupils. The High School would be a desirable location for these fifth grade children if space is available, since this would make a unit of three Highland School district pupils working together at this school.

The school has made excellent progress in music this year, having developed a good elementary school orchestra, and classes for beginners in the stringed instruments. In May the pupils presented an original 18th Century Musicales, which they called "A Mozart Festival". Much credit was due to Mrs. Jean Bennet, Mr. Oliver, and the mothers of members of the orchestra for their fine work in this production.

The Highland P.T.A. is an active and enthusiastic group. This group again sponsored a Christmas Fair and the "Highland Fling". Money raised by these affairs is used to support many of the special activities carried on in the school. Over 200 books have been added to the Wakefield Library, and mothers have generously given their time to serve as school librarians.

On February 17, 1955, a serious breakdown in the heating system made it necessary to close the school for a period of three weeks. Prompt and efficient action by the School Committee resulted in the installation of a completely new oil burning boiler which made it possible to open school again on March 13th.

During the summer two classrooms and all the basement sections were painted. Also a new stainless steel sink and automatic dishwasher were installed in the cafeteria.

PEARL STREET SCHOOL

Mr. Philip F. Lucey, Supervising Principal

ENROLLMENT. In December 1954 total enrollment was 499. In December 1955 total enrollment is 482. The enrollment per room average is 31.13. In 1954 twenty under-age children were allowed to enter on examinations. In 1955 no examinations were given and first grade classes dropped from a 35 average to one of 27. This could cause a very large first grade registration in 1956 making it necessary to add an additional first grade class. The crowded classes at the present time are the two fifth grade rooms with 36 pupils each, and one sixth grade classroom of 38. There will be no space available for a sixth grade classroom in this building another year.

During the year the teachers used the early closing days to good advantage. Parent-Teacher Committees worked together on the revision of the report card. The staff worked on the school-wide study of our Language Arts program and the selection of a suitable textbook for this work. The Parent-Teacher conferences have continued to be popular and helpful, as well as the program for special help carried on during this time.

The Pearl Street Parent-Teacher Association continues to be an active and well organized group. Among the activities carried on last year were the following:

Sponsor of Youth Organizations, an afternoon Discussion Group, Hallowe'en and Christmas parties for the children, a banquet for the teachers, taxi expenses for children attending the dental clinic, scholarships of sixty dollars each for three teachers, a P.T.A. play, Christmas trees for each classroom, a 35-MM camera and film strip projector, and three new record players. Two lectures were sponsored, one given by Dr. Louise Bates Ames, on "Child Development", and another by Dr. Mark Murfin, of Boston University, on the topic "Your Child and Mine".

The school has received the National Safety Council Award for the fourth successive year. During the year two major safety assemblies were held.

JOSHUA EATON SCHOOL

Mrs. Eleanor M. Skahill, Supervising Principal

ENROLLMENT. The enrollment at the Joshua Eaton School continues to increase. Each year for the past three years we have added one additional classroom to our school unit. This coming year we will again increase one full classroom. The increase will be at the fifth grade level, making four fifth grade classrooms to accommodate 135 children enrolled in the present fourth grade.

This enrollment increase will not change the classroom set-up at the Eaton School but it will change the picture at the Prospect Street School. In the Prospect Street School next fall there will be two fifth

grades and two sixth grades. This means that another sixth grade class from the Eaton School district will go to the Junior High School in September 1956.

It may be noted here that we have had many children enrolling in our school since the opening of school in September. In checking the classroom registers for the period between October 1 and December 1 we find that, for this period only, we have had a 45% increase in enrollment over that for the same period last year. The actual number of pupils registered during this two month period was 48, or one and one-half classrooms! All since the opening of school in September!

INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM — Curriculum. A major change in the elementary school curriculum for this school year is the adoption of a new language arts textbook. The GOOD ENGLISH SERIES, published by Laidlaw Brothers, was chosen.

This adoption was the culmination of a period of intensive study by the elementary school faculties. Seven leading language arts programs were studied and evaluated. Each program was carefully checked against a critical evaluation sheet listing the many points to be considered when studying a good language arts program.

When the field was narrowed to three choices, representatives and educational consultants of these three companies came to Reading and talked with the elementary school teachers. Shortly after this meeting a re-evaluation was made and a final choice was expressed. The texts were purchased and are now in use.

Another phase of our work this year deals with the matter of keeping individual pupil records. As time progresses new tests are adopted, different forms of reporting pupil progress are accepted, new data is collected about individual children. A cumulative record folder that was adequate ten years ago becomes inadequate today.

Mr. Ara Karakashian, as Director of Guidance, has suggested the use of a new cumulative record folder. These will be started in the first grade this year. An individual folder includes much valuable information on each child, information such as achievement level, mental ability, interests, personal deficiencies and strengths, emotional and social adjustment, significant family relationships, health, scholarship record, and the like. The starting point for instruction is the discovery of the child's needs as indicated by materials available in such a record well kept.

In keeping with this same goal of knowing our children better, a committee is at work reviewing our testing program. New tests have been made available to us to help us in our work.

In addition to the regular instrumental music programs of the school, a group of 20 pupils is now organized in a beginners class for the study and playing of the violin. The group has made amazing progress to date.

Through the help of the PTA a central library has been organized and supplied with books. This library is in addition to the excellent classroom libraries in each room.

CAFETERIA. One difficult aspect of the Eaton program is the lunch period. A tight schedule has been arranged so that the entire school group may be fed between the hours of 11:25 and 12:45 daily. Our problem is one of large numbers of children remaining at school for lunch (approximately 82%-87%) and the fact that the cafeteria seats but 130 children.

The children eat in three shifts, the second and third graders going to lunch at 11:25 and the fourth and fifth graders at 11:50. The first grade has the cafeteria by itself and eats between 12:15 and 12:45.

The children have adjusted well to the cafeteria system, but it is crowded and the schedule is tight. It would be a great improvement if we could have but two lunch shifts. This might be a possibility if the new roll-away cafeteria tables and benches could be procured for the use of the children who bring their own lunches from home. These could be used in the gymnasium and would free the cafeteria for the use of the children buying school lunches only.

The school continues to enjoy the fine, loyal support and cooperation of the parents through the activities of the Parent-Teacher Association. The many activities which are carried on with the help of this organization benefit parents, children and teachers alike and could not do so without the feeling of partnership which exists within this group.

READING PUBLIC SCHOOLS

AGE-GRADE TABLE — October 3, 1955

Age	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	Over 21	Total
Grade																	
1	53	238	5														296
2		77	223	10													310
3			95	251	8												354
4				122	190	12											324
5					59	165	19	3									246
6						70	155	17	1								243
7						1	79	169	18								267
8							1	100	160	14	4						279
9								82	152	23	5	1	1				264
10									93	148	34	8					283
11										89	129	23	3				244
12											67	119	20	1	1		208
PG												1	2	1			4
Special Education							3	4	2	1							10
Total	53	315	323	383	257	248	257	293	263	260	264	235	152	26	2	1	3332

PAROCHIAL SCHOOL

1	17	50															67
2		15	46														61
3			19	34	4												57
4				36	31												57
5					11	30	4	1									46
6						12	27	1	1								41
7							17	23									40
8								17	20	2	1						40
Total	17	65	65	60	46	42	48	42	21	2	1						409
Grand Total	70	380	388	443	303	290	305	335	284	262	265	235	152	26	2	1	3741

SCHOOL CALENDAR

School Open	September 5, 1956
No Sessions:	
Columbus Day	October 12, 1956
Teachers' Convention	October 26, 1956
Veterans Day	November 12, 1956
Good Friday	During Spring Vacation
Memorial Day	May 30, 1956
Thanksgiving Recess	
	Close noontime November 21, 1956
	Reopen November 26th
Christmas Vacation	
	Close noontime December 21, 1956
	Reopens January 3, 1957
Winter Vacation	
	Close February 15, 1957
	Reopen February 25th
Spring Vacation	
	Close April 12, 1957
	Reopen April 22nd
High School Graduation	June 6, 1957
Schools Close	June 22, 1957

SCHOOL CLINICS

Dental Clinic — Wednesday, Thursday and Friday
Eaton School — 9:00 a. m. to 1:00 p. m.
Immunization Clinic — Annually by appointment

SCHOOL ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible for admission to Grade I a child must have reached the age of five years and eight months on or before August 31st of the entering year. No provision is made for examination.

Upon entering school each child is required to present a birth certificate and a certificate of vaccination, or in the case of unsuccessful vaccination, a statement from a doctor certifying that three attempts to vaccinate have been made, all of which have proved to be unsuccessful.

Registration of children entering school in September is held in the different schools during the month of May, announcement of exact time appearing in the **READING CHRONICLE** a week or two before registration.

APPOINTMENTS

High School

Willis E. Anderson	Social Studies
Mary H. Eaton	Mathematics
John G. Holbrook	Social Studies
John A. Hollingsworth	Mathematics, Head Coach Football
Anne T. Landini	Home Economics
Hazel M. Percy	Mathematics
Edward W. Roewer	Spanish
Sally Stembridge	English
Raymond D. Stephens, Jr.	Mathematics, Civics
Frances L. Updike	English
Karl B. vonKlock	Mathematics
Derick V. Willson	Industrial Arts
Barbara Zahner	English

W. S. Parker Junior High School

Louis A. Adreani	English
Ethel L. Garfield	Special Education
Richard E. Higgins	Industrial Arts
Jane D. Jones	Social Studies
Patricia Lyster	Business Training, Art, Science
Wilma Recklitis	English, Music
Norman Seifel	Social Studies, Science
Edna F. Weber	Household Arts

Highland School

Velma C. Eastman	Grade 4
Donald B. Farnham	Grade 5
Leonore M. Joffee	Grade 2
Irene Montigny	Grade 5
Marylyn Mulcahy	Grade 3
Helen M. Thebideau	Grade 4

Joshua Eaton School

Shirley J. Crompton	Grade 3
Theresa Gaffny	Grade 4
Gloria B. Rosenthal	Grade 4
Phyllis M. Snyder	Grade 1

Pearl Street School

Mary G. Cronin	Grade 2
Jean E. Jacob	Grade 3
JoAnne Powers	Grade 2

Prospect Street School

Herbert Baron	Grade 6
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Administration

Anna G. Freeman	High School Office
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Health Department

Helen M. McKenney, R.N.	School Nurse
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Maintenance Departmnet
Roderick E. Macdonald

Supervisor of Maintenance

Cafeteria Staff
Genevieve Demenkow

Junior High School — part time

Custodian Staff
John Miller
Reginald Southard

Highland School
Senior High School

RESIGNATIONS

High School

Marcia Begum	English
Gaetano Catalano	Mathematics
Joseph A. Crowley	Mathematics and Football Coach
Janet Rosenberg	Spanish
Carolyn S. Wyman	Civics

W. S. Parker Junior High School

Ray C. Austin	Industrial Arts
Elizabeth B. Becket	English and Music
Gilbert F. Bulley	Business Tr., Social Studies, Math.
Shirley Hughes	Home Economics

Highland School

Carl Burri	Grade 6
Ann Cullen	Grade 3
Regina Iannazzi	Grade 5
Paula R. Kates	Grade 4
Marion H. O'Connell	Grade 4

Joshua Eaton School

Viola Guarino	Grade 1
Esther Kempton	Grade 4
Patricia Reiman	Grade 3
Ileen Sadowski	Grade 3
Patricia Thorburn	Grade 3

Pearl Street School

Jean Bickford	Grade 1
Margaret Jacobus	Grade 2
Phyllis H. Parks	Grade 3

Prospect Street School

Dorothy E. Corindia	Grade 6
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Administration

Sally Stembidge	High School Office
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Cafeteria Staff

Irene Cook, Manager	Pearl Street School
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Custodial Staff

George Rees	Highland School
W. Ray Yorks	Senior High School

On Military Leave

James M. Leonard	Highland School — Grade 5
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MEMBERS OF READING SCHOOL FACULTIES

(Dates indicate year of appointment in Reading)

School Committee Office

Robert F. Perry, B.S. (1935)	Superintendent of Schools
Robert W. Wakeling, D.O. (1955)	School Physician
Helen M. McKenney, A.B., R.N. (1955)	School Nurse

Directors and Supervisors

Philip W. Althoff, B.P.E., M.Ed. (1927)	Director of Physical Education
Margaret B. Clewley, C.P.H. (Simmons) R.N. (1939)	Director of Health
Ara A. Karakashian, B.S., M.Ed. (1954)	Director of Guidance
Roderick E. Macdonald, B.S.Ed. (1937)	Director of Industrial Arts
Florence G. Nichols, B.E.Ed. (1929)	Dean of Girls, Class Adviser
J. Douglas Oliver, A.B., M.Mus.Ed. (1948)	Director of Music

Senior High School

Rudolf Sussmann, B.S.Ed. (1917)	Supervising Principal
Joseph F. Fitzgerald, A.B., A.M. (1929)	Administrative Asst. to Prin.
Clarissa B. Abbott, B.S.Ed. (1953)	English
Rachel Alden B.A. (1954)	English
James M. Aldrich, A.B., A.M. (1954)	U. S. History, Coach
Willis E. Anderson, A.B. (1955)	Social Studies
Clifford W. Baker, B.S., A.M. (1944)	Mathematics, Guidance
Elizabeth A. Batchelder, B.E.Ed. (1916)	English, Typewriting
Alton C. Bennett, A.B., M.A. (1947)	History, Coach
Robert Bronner, B.A., M.Ed. (1940)	Driver Education, Visual Ed.
Rose E. Chiesa, A.B., Cert. Superieure (1953)	French
Stanley R. Clark, B.A.Ed. (1954)	Science
TenBroeck Cornell, B.A., M.A. (1954)	French, Spanish
Virginia Cox, A.B., A.M. (1945)	Latin
Jane Cutcliffe, B.S.Ed. M.Ed. (1952)	English
Alberta F. Drury, Salem Normal (1917)	Bookkeeping
Mary H. Eaton, A.A., B.Ed. (1954)	Mathematics
Eleanor B. Foster, B.A., B.S. (1954)	Home Economics
Alice H. Franzen, B.S.E. (1947)	Steno., Type., Class Adviser
William E. Hanlon, A.B., M.Ed. (1945)	U. S. History, Head of Dept.
Elizabeth G. Hardy, B.A., (1954)	Mathematics
Jennie Hilton, B.S. (1954)	English, Class Adviser
John A. Hollingsworth Jr., B.S. (1955)	Mathematics, Head F.B. Coach
Carol Johnson, A.B., (1954)	English, Class Adviser
Svea W. Kling, B.B.A., Ed.M. (1940)	Head of Commercial Dept., Class Adviser
Anne T. Landini, B.A. (1955)	Home Economics
Ernestine H. Macdonald, A.B. (1953)	Librarian
William T. McGrail A.B., Ed.M. (1953)	History, Debating Coach
James T. Murphy, B.S.Ed. (1953)	Science
John B. Pacino, B.S., M.Ed. (1945)	Commercial, Counselling, Freshman Coach
Hazel M. Percy, A.B. (1955)	Mathematics

Nancy E. Peterson, B.S.Ed. (1954)	Physical Education
Frederick J. Pope B.S., M.Ed. (1922)	Science, Head of Department
Samuel Quagenti, Mus.B., Ed.M. (1954)	Music
Neil C. Robinson, B.S., Ed.M. (1936)	Civics
Edward W. Roewer, A.B., M.Ed. (1955)	Spanish, Coach
Geraldine F. Roy, B.S., Ed.M. (1950)	Art
Mary E. Shay, A.B., M.A. (1943)	Head of English Department
H. Neil Soule, B.S.Ed. (1953)	Science
Arthur L. Spencer, A.B., A.M. (1938)	Head of Foreign Language Dept.
	Latin, Dramatics, Head of Student Council
Sally Stembridge, A.B. (1955)	English
Raymond D. Stephens, Jr., B.A.Ed. (1955)	Mathematics, Civics
Frances L. Updike, A.B., A.M.T. (1955)	English, Class Adviser
Karl B. vonKlock B.S.Eng., Ed.M. (1955)	Mathematics
Frederick C. Wales, B.S.E. (1942)	Industrial Arts
Mary E. White, A.B., M.Ed. (1954)	Mathematics, Class Adviser
Derick V. Willson, B.A., M.Ed. (1955)	Industrial Arts
Philip A. Wogan, B.S.Ed., Ed.M. (1949)	Biology
Barbara Zahner, A.B., A.M.T. (1955)	English
Helen R. Zimmerman, B.A., M.S., Ph.D. (1936)	Biology, Anatomy

W. S. Parker Junior High School

Albert H. Woodward, A.B., Ed.M. (1940)	Supervising Principal
John R. Copithorne, B.A., M.Ed. (1946)	Assistant Principal, Science
Louis A. Andreani, B.S. (1955)	English
Harriet S. Beattie, B.S.Ed. (1937)	Art
Stanley E. Butcher, A.B. (1949)	Social Studies
Arthur T. Cram, B.Ed. (1954)	Industrial Arts
Elizabeth A. Dagdigian, A.B. (1953)	Latin, English, Social Studies
Louise J. Eldridge B.A., M.A. (1950)	Latin, French, English
Thomas J. Ganley, B.S. (1953)	Mathematics
Ethel L. Garfield, B.A. (1955)	Special Education
Nellie P. Greene, B.S. (1954)	Mathematics
Marie M. Hagman, B.Mus. (1954)	Music. (Jr. High and Elementary)
Walter E. Hawkes, B.S., Ed.M. (1933)	Physical Education
Richard E. Higgins, B.S.Ed. (1955)	Industrial Arts
Hazel W. Hunt, B.A. (1949)	Social Studies
Jane DeW. Jones, B.A., M.A. (1955)	Social Studies
Helen R. Knight, B.S.E., Ed.M. (1946)	English
Patricia M. Lyster, A.B. (1955)	Business Tr., Art and Science
Wilma Recklitis, B.M. (1955)	Music, English
Dorothy B. Rice, A.B. (1949)	Mathematics
Ann K. Roewer, B.S.Ed. (1952)	Mathematics
Norman R. Seifel, B.S. (1955)	Social Studies, Science
Ernest G. Spence, B.S.Ed., M.Ed. (1951)	Science
Clementina F. Sudak, B.S.Ed. (1947)	English
Marilyn Thomas, B. S. (1954)	Physical Education
Margaret E. Tyacke, Boston Univ. (1926)	English
Edna F. Weber, B.S.Ed. (1955)	Household Arts
Alice A. Welch, B.S. (1950)	Household Arts

Highland School

R. Hilda Gaffney, B.S.Ed., M.Ed. (1941)	Supervising Principal
Jean W. Bennett, Salem T.C. (1955)	Grade 5
Dorothy L. Burgess, Lesley School (1926)	Grade 3
Ruth B. Carroll, Gorham T.C. (1955)	Grade 6 (at the High School)
Catherine M. Chipman, Lowell T.C. (1944)	Grade 2
Velma C. Eastman, B.S.Ed. (1955)	Grade 4
Donald B. Farnham, B.S. (1955)	Grade 5
Leonore M. Joffe, A.B., M.A. (1955)	Grade 2
Dorothy Leslie, B.A. (1948)	Grade 1
Anna R. Martin, N. Adams T.C. (1954)	Grade 1
Irene Montigny, B.A. (1955)	Grade 5
Marylyn Mulcahy, B.S.Ed. (1955)	Grade 3
William E. O'Keefe, B.S.Ed. (1954)	Grade 6 (at the High School)
Janet V. Priestly B.S.Ed. (1952)	Grade 3
Helen M. Thebideau, B.S.Ed. (1955)	Grade 4
Marion Weagle, B.S.E. (1946)	Grade 1

Joshua Eaton School

Eleanor M. Skahill, B.S.Ed., M.Ed. (1943)	Supervising Principal
Doris S. Forbes, Plymouth T.C. (1947)	Asst. Principal, Grade 5
Clara A. Anderson, B.S.Ed. (1944)	Grade 3
Anne Baker, Conn. S.T.C. (1954)	Grade 2
Robert W. Brown, B.S. (1954)	Grade 5
Shirley J. Crompton, B.S.Ed. (1955)	Grade 3
Lorraine Domingue, B.S.E. (1952)	Grade 2
Theresa Gaffny, A.B. (1955)	Grade 4
Grace L. Gifford, Wheelock (1943)	Grade 1
Glennalee Hein, Perry Normal (1952)	Grade 1
Helena A. Markham, Framingham T.C. (1934)	Grade 3
Alberta R. Mathieson, Salem T.C. (1924)	Grade 2
John F. Morabito, B.S. (1954)	Grade 4
Helen B. Morgan, Lowell Normal (1953)	Grade 1
Patricia W. Reiman, A.A., B.S. (1953)	Grade 3
Gloria S. Rosenthal, B.S.Ed. (1955)	Grade 4
Irene R. Royea, Aroostook Co. Normal (1928)	Grade 2
Martha E. Ryder, B.S.Ed., M.Ed. (1949)	Grade 4
Phyllis Snyder, B.S.Ed. (1955)	Grade 4

Lowell Street School

Stella M. Salva, B.S.Ed., M.Ed. (1951)	Building Principal, Grade 1
Dorothy Conron, B.S.Ed. (1953)	Grade 2
Jessie L. Goddard, Bridgewater T.C. (1955)	Grade 3
Edith Whittum, B.S.Ed. (1954)	Grade 4

Pearl Street School

Philip F. Lucey, B.S.Ed., M.Ed. (1953)	Supervising Principal
Mary W. Chapman, B.S.Ed. (1941)	Asst. Prin. and Grade 5
A. Josephine Berry, B.S.Ed. (1944)	Grade 1
Mary G. Cronin, B.S.Ed. (1955)	Grade 2

Velma E. Curtin, Perry Kindergarten (1927)	Grade 2
Frances Haskins, Aroostook State T.C. (1943)	Grade 4
Rita M. Hewitt, Lowell T.C. (1954)	Grade 2
Barbara Hill, B.S.Ed., M.Ed. (1949)	Remedial Reading—All Schools
Ann Howe, Framingham T.C. (1947)	Grade 4
Jean E. Jacob, B.Ed. (1955)	Grade 3
Elizabeth J. Kerrigan, A.B. (1950)	Grade 5
Dennis F. Murphy, B.S.Ed. (1953)	Grade 6
Dorothy R. Payzant, Emerson College (1953)	Grade 1
JoAnne Powers, B.S. (1955)	Grade 2
Dorothy L. Soar, Salem Normal (1951)	Grade 1
Helen D. Stockwell, Salem Normal (1930)	Grade 5
Marialice Stratton, B.S., M.A. (1948)	Grade 3
Frances E. Young, B.S. (1954)	Grade 3

Prospect Street School

Constance B. Loud, B.S.Ed. (1948)	Bldg. Principal and Grade 6
Herbert Baron, B.S. (1955)	Grade 6
E. Lorraine Pulson, B.S.Ed., M.Ed. (1947)	Grade 6
Beatrice Stasinopulos, B.S.Ed. (1952)	Grade 2

SCHOOL SECRETARIES AND CLERKS

High School

Myrtle W. Tilton, Secretary to the Principal
 Jean S. Underhill, Clerk
 Anna Freeman, Clerk

Junior High School

Elizabeth A. Brush, School Secretary

Joshua Eaton School

Dorothy L. Wardrope, School Secretary

Highland School

Clarice D. Hynes, School Secretary

Pearl Street School

Audrey L. Graustein, School Secretary

Health Office

Evelyn Lazenby, Secretary

SCHOOL CUSTODIANS AND MATRONS

High School

Elmer E. Young, Head Custodian
William J. Broussard
Theresa Meuse, Matron
Catherine Miller, Matron
Stuart Nichols
Reginald Southard, Night watchman and custodian
Daniel J. White, Night watchman and custodian

Junior High School

Fred B. Riessle, Head Custodian
Margaret Campbell, Matron
Fred B. Gibson
Andrew J. Lomax

Highland School

Daniel J. Buckley, Head Custodian
John Miller
Margaret A. Thornton, Matron

Joshua Eaton School

Robert A. Vars, Head Custodian
Henry Gromyko
Erminie Dinan, Matron

Lowell Street School

William A. Lloyd

Pearl Street School

Edward F. Harrison, Head Custodian
Roy L. Brogan

Prospect Street School

Vincent Serrentino, part time. Balance of time at other schools

CAFETERIAS

High School

Evelyn Mullen, Manager
Obeline Arsenault
May C. Campell
Ida H. Johnson
Dorothy R. Sias

Junior High School

Elsiemae Collins, Manager
Flora MacPhail
Eva E. Noble
Genevieve Demenkow, part time

Highland School

Evelyn M. Davis Manager
Florence Harvey, part time

Joshua Eaton School

Edith J. French, Manager
Elizabeth Miller
Anna Roscoe

Pearl Street School

Nellie Laetsch, Manager
Mary Bacigalupo

READING HIGH SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Class of 1955

June 8, 1955

PROCESSIONAL MARCH

High School Band

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Led by Class President Thomas Francis Halpin, Jr.

STAR SPANGLED BANNER

Key-Smith

Audience, Senior Class, and Band

PRAYER

Rev. Herbert A. Jerauld

SALUTATORY

"Individuality — Its Importance"

Duncan McLachlan Moodie, Jr.

TORCH ORATION

Thomas Francis Halpin, Jr.

ESSAY — "The Price of the Best"

Merelyn Carol Daniels, Class Honors

ESSAY — "The Value of a Liberal Arts Education"

Barry Wayne Hubbard, Faculty Honors

ESSAY — "High School - How It Prepares Us for the Future"

William C. Doherty Class Honors

ESSAY — "Tempus Fugit"

Helen Amelia Taylor, Faculty Honors

VALEDICTORY

"Living and Believing"

Joseph Eugene Gallagher

CONFERRING SCHOLASTIC HONORS

Rudolf Sussmann, Headmaster

CONFERRING DIPLOMAS

William E. Burpee of School Committee

ALMA MATER

Annie Lisle

High School Chorus

BENEDICTION

Rev. Herbert A. Jerauld

RECESSIONAL MARCH

High School Band

CANDIDATES FOR DIPLOMAS

David R. Abbott
Carl Wilbur Amero
Leonard Eugene Anderson
Louis B. Bacigalupo
Paul Warren Barrett
Wilmer David Barrett
Douglas Michael Beeman
Richard Edward Bell
Carolyn Ruth Blanchard
Beverly Ann Boivin
Joseph Arthur Brown
Nanette Burns
Nancy Jean Burpee
Barry Paul Butler
Elaine Barbara Carr
Patricia Elaine Carter
Anne Chaput
John Climo
Allen Thomas Coker
Katherine Frances Coneeney
Barbara Ann Conti
Dorothy Alice Cook
Leona Anna Couturier
Lorraine Crove
Geraldine Marie Crowe
Charlotte Marie Cryts
Anne Marie Cullinane
Russell Dougald Daley
Merelyn Carol Daniels
Barbara DeMar
Elizabeth DeMar
Gael Noreen Desmond
Mary Dolores Devaney
Joseph Patrick Doherty
William C. Doherty
Lois Frances Doiron
Virginia Marie Dolan
Jean C. Doucette
Paul Jeremiah Doucette
Roy Vincent Doucette
Lawrence James Duffy
James William Dunn
Cynthia Isabelle Eisenhaure
Ronald Joseph Ellis
Herbert S. Ferren
Norman Adolph Forsberg
Robert A. Foster

Linda Carolyn French
Raynor Gagnon
Joseph Eugene Gallagher
Janet E. Giuliano
Douglas Huntley Gordon
Sally E. Grant
Marilyn Janet Guile
Thomas Francis Halpin, Jr.
Mary Catherine Hardy
Mary Priscilla Harrison
Arthur Rollins Hathaway
Sandra Joan Helpard
Paul Robert Henderson
Shirley Joan Henderson
William Burke High
Barbara Phyllis Hoyt
Barry Wayne Hubbard
Yvonne Beatrice Jannelle
Sally Jenkins
Robert Kenneth Jenney
Kenneth Porter Jones
Nancy Louise Jones
Janet Eleanor Kay
Katherine Ann Kramer
Dale Terry LaBelle
Adriano La Regina
Edouard Louis Lassieur
Jean Marie LeBoucher
Joan Carol Leonard
Mary Patricia Leonard
Priscilla Mae Leslie
Cynthia Vivian Livingston
Albert Willis Lowe
Donald MacDermod
William Harry MacDermod
Joyce Marie MacMillan
Joan Mary Magliozzi
John Paul Marden
Leland Edward Martin
Don Walter Mason
Paul David Mathews
Frances Yvonne McCabe
Ruth Jean McDonald
Marjorie Elizabeth McIntire
Linda L. McKenney
Jane Lucille Mercier
Doris Anne Miller

Frederick William Miller
 John B. Miller
 Duncan McLachlan Moodie, Jr.
 William Alexandria Morrison
 Barbara Ann Moulton
 Anita Ruth Mulhinch
 Thomas Kenneth Murray
 Deana Rae Newell
 Marjorie Evelyn Nugent
 Barbara Mae Nurmi
 Ann Kathleen O'Brien
 Victor Paul Oliver
 Alvin Clayton Opland
 Peter Downs Orth
 Joan Marie Pantano
 Judith Matthews Partelow
 George Bancroft Perry II
 Carol Janet Peterson
 Richard Karl-Poehler
 Jon Edward Read
 June Margaret Redmond
 Roberta E. Riccio
 Jon Barrie Richardson
 Diane Beatrice Robbins
 Ronald A. Roberts
 Milton G. Robinson
 Richard W. Rogers
 Marion Ruderman
 Jack A. Runge
 Florence Louise Russell
 Margarette Frances Russo
 Marilyn Dorothy Sampson
 Carol Joan Sanford
 Charles Daniel Saunders
 Donald A. Sherrod
 Joyce Carol Skane
 Maureen Ann Skinner
 William Douglas Skinner
 Charles Leonard Smith, Jr.

John Martin Smith
 Robert Leander Smith
 Richard G. Spinney
 William Aborn Spinney, Jr.
 Edward Charles Stanton
 Arnold W. Starr
 Carol Stevenson
 Judith R. Stone
 Ann Strout
 Roger James Sullivan
 David Louis Surette
 Dolores Ann Surette
 James Stephen Surette
 Joseph Bernard Talbot
 Helen Amelia Taylor
 Sandra Alice Taylor
 Robert Leslie Theriault
 Robert G. Thoms
 Maurice Josiah Titcomb
 Ann Marie Tomlinson
 Barbara Ann Toothaker
 Gerald Graham Tower
 Marion Lee Towle
 Roy Conrad Trulson
 Alvan Paul Turner
 Albert William Van Woglom
 Charles Andrew Vars
 Jon W. Vedder
 Mary Ann Ventimiglia
 Peter R. Vincent
 Carol Ann Walker
 Thomas G. Wall
 David Edwin Wendell
 Bruce Alan Wheeler
 Nancy Joanne Wheeler
 Gerald Edward White
 Robert Avery Williams
 William R. Zanni

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

OF THE

Town of Reading, Massachusetts

for the year ending

December 31, 1955

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

To the Citizens of Reading:

The Board of Public Works herewith submits its annual report for the year ending December 31, 1955.

The Board of Public Works has jurisdiction over the following listed departmental subdivisions:

Administration, Engineering Division, Water, (including supply, distribution, construction and maintenance), Highway Construction and Maintenance, Removal of Snow and Ice, Sidewalk Construction and Maintenance, Storm Drain Construction and Maintenance, Town Dump, Sewer Construction and Maintenance, Sewer House Connections, Parks care and maintenance, Playgrounds care and maintenance, Chapter 90 Construction and Maintenance, Equipment purchase and maintenance, several phases of Betterment construction and billing, Pensions of former employees of the department, Bridges care and maintenance, Garage care and maintenance, Public Parking areas care and maintenance, and other special and pertinent subdivisions. Each of the above divisions entails many detailed operations which, it is felt, are too numerous to list herein.

The Board of Public Works is also, ex officio, the Board of Survey, and as such have jurisdiction over all proposed subdivisions and developments. This includes consideration of the proposed layout of streets for lines and grades, and their effect on abutting lands and the Town as a whole, and of the installation of utilities. Also included in the responsibility to determine that all prescriptions placed on the development by the Board of Survey and the Board of Health are carried out.

The major problems which faced the Board of Public Works during the year lay in the fields of organization of the department, sewerage, drainage, and assessment of betterment and other charges for sewer construction and usage.

On January 6, James T. Putnam was appointed Superintendent of Public Works, a position he had been filling as Acting Superintendent since May 28, 1954. Other changes in personnel followed including the promotion of Ernest R. Watson as assistant superintendent.

Subsequent to these promotions, the Board reviewed the organization of the department in detail. It was apparent that administrative personnel of the department were suffering from an intolerable work load. This was determined to be due to the vigorous growth of the town over the past ten years, and the resultant increase in the magnitude of the overall activities of the department. In consequence this Board recommended to the Personnel Board that a change be made in the job description of the assistant superintendent to upgrade the position and increase the scope and responsibility of his duties. This Board also recommended to the Personnel Board that a post known as "Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent" be created, in order to relieve the Superintendent of a large number of routine administra-

tive tasks, and give him more time for planning and supervision of the activities of the department.

The problem of sewerage has been of major concern to the Board. As of December 31, 1955, petitions for main sewer extensions totaling over \$400,000.00 in cost were on file with the Board. These are applications presented by groups of citizens seeking relief from insanitary conditions caused by overflowing private cesspools and/or septic tanks and leaching fields. The Board has conferred with the Finance Committee and the Capital Expenditures Planning Committee on several occasions about the problem.

The sidewalk construction policy as set forth in the 1954 annual report of the Board was strictly adhered to. All voluntary sidewalk applications on hand were completed, and a start was made on continuous run or block system construction. A contract was let in the Fall of 1955 for block construction with bituminous concrete sidewalks on Woburn Street, which was interrupted by inclement weather. This contract will be completed in the Spring of 1956. It should be noted that this program resulted in a marked saving in sidewalk construction costs.

Drainage problems continue to arise, as dwelling houses continue to be constructed in less desirable locations in the outskirts of town, where presently no storm drains exist. Particular attention is being paid by the Board of Survey to drainage problems, to insure that insofar as is possible the drainage of the town will be improved by development. A planned program of storm drain installation has been carried on during the year with resultant alleviation of many bad drainage conditions.

The development of Birch Meadow High School Athletic Field resulted in the flooding of some properties by the Aberjona River headwaters, locally known as Birch Meadow Brook. Major channel and culvert improvements will be necessary to solve this particular problem, as anticipated by the Birch Meadow Study Committee report.

With respect to charges for betterments and other purposes the Board reviewed its policies with the following results:

1. Charges for street, curbing and sidewalk betterments were found to be in accordance with existing statutes.
2. Charges for sewer betterments were reviewed and increased from \$1.00 per front foot to \$1.25 per foot. By the end of 1955 these new charges were determined to be inadequate. The act creating Reading's sewerage system states that 30 per cent of the cost of the system shall be levied against abutters and 70 per cent against the tax levy.
3. Charges for sewer house connections were revised in accordance with the Act setting up the sewerage system. The abutter is now required to bear the full cost of the extension from the main in the street to the house. Previously he had been required to bear the cost from the street line to the house.

4. Sewer service (or rental) charges were increased, effective January 1, 1956. It was determined by the Board that existing charges were insufficient to meet rising costs of construction and maintenance.

With the revisions above noted, and with further upward revision of the sewer frontage assessment in 1956, this Board, in its opinion, will have assessed betterment and other charges in full accord with the letter and spirit of the various acts enabling these charges to be levied.

It should be noted that the Board had planned to review present maintenance policies and schedules during 1955. Reviews were held and some equipment necessary for storm drain and sewer cleaning equipment was recommended by the Superintendent. However, in view of the work load imposed on administrative personnel, together with the other actions and reviews above described, a total review of maintenance policies and schedules and of the working of the Road Machinery Fund and Road Machinery operating account were deferred until 1956.

The major problems foreseen for 1956 are:

1. An increase in the amount of main sewer construction, to eliminate existing insanitary conditions in many sections of Reading.
2. Continuous review of the adequacy of existing capital outlay programs as compared with the rapid growth of Reading and resulting need for necessary utilities.
3. A review of the adequacy of the present water supply works.

The Board of Public Works has endeavored to cooperate with other Town Boards and Departments during the past year and wish to acknowledge the cooperation extended to them by other Boards and Departments.

The Board also wishes to commend the many conscientious employees of the Department for their continued loyalty and cooperation. Reference is made to the report of the Superintendent for a more detailed list of Departmental accomplishments by division.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD D. KILGORE, JR., Chairman
COLEMAN J. DONAHUE, Secretary
KENNETH R. JOHNSON
WALTER S. HOPKINS, JR.
DOMENICK ZANNI, JR.

Superintendent's Report

To the Board of Public Works:

Gentlemen:

As required by Section 4, Chapter 118 of an Act authorizing the Town of Reading to establish a Board of Public Works, I respectfully submit for your consideration the thirty-fifth annual report of the Department of Public Works (Water, Highway, Sewer, Park, Engineering) and a chronicle of the principal work performed during the year 1955, with recommendations for the coming year.

Water Division

Housing development continued at an increased tempo during the year, and resulted in near-record installations of water mains and services. Water mains in sizes of 6", 8" and 12" were installed totaling 8,853.10 lineal feet, and fourteen new fire hydrants set. There are now 67.496 miles of water main in the distribution system. New water services in sizes from 1" to 2" were installed at 192 locations, totalling 11,331.30 lineal feet. Services were renewed at 97 locations, and many old services were rodded and reamed to improve volume of water delivered to homes.

New water meters were installed in 128 locations, 471 meters were removed, repaired, tested and reset, and 30 meters were junked and replaced.

A total of 412,582,400 gallons of water was delivered to the distribution system by Water Pumping Stations Nos. 1, 2 and 3 at Hundred Acre Meadows. This is an increase of 37,778,400 gallons over 1954, and an all-time record of pumping for the Water Department. The annual daily average pumped in 1955 was 1,130,363, or 68.76 gallons per capita daily. Highest single day's pumpage was on Thursday, July 21, 1955 with 2,114,600 gallons, and the highest seven-day's pumpage from July 31 through August 6 with a total of 13,435,100 gallons.

Rainfall at Hundred Acres Pumping Station during 1955 totaled 48.58 inches, an excess of 7.15 inches over the 55 year average of 41.43 inches. A new all-time record of precipitation occurred in August of 1955, when 12.45 inches of rainfall was measured, 8.64 inches of which was deposited on August 16, 17 and 18 by Hurricane "Diane". No damage to the well field or pumping stations was caused by the resultant flood.

Five main breaks were experienced during the year, all caused by contractors engaged in excavation. The most serious of these occurred at the Woburn Street rail-road crossing, when the Boston & Maine Railroad pile-driver drove a twelve-inch I beam through a 10" cast iron main at 1:30 in the morning. Much water loss was experienced in this break, but there was no disruption of service to consumers.

All fire hydrants were inspected and checked for defects during the year. Six hydrants were struck by motor vehicles during the year, and were replaced or repaired.

The Deferrization Plant functioned satisfactorily during the year, removing iron from the raw water. Because of ponding of the contact coke aerators, it was necessary to completely fork over and jet-wash the coke in both aerators during the early Fall months.

Highway Division

Major improvements to the highway system in 1955 were as follows:	
Birch Meadow Drive:	Accomplished original construction of Birch Meadow Drive from Main Street to Oakland Road, including tree removal, peat removal, storm drain installation, ordinary and gravel borrow, setting corner curb, tar treated gravel surface. Bituminous concrete street surfacing, sidewalk surfacing, and slope curbing will be accomplished in 1956.
Batchelder Road:	Constructed from Haverhill Street to dead end under Betterment Act.
Bolton Street:	Constructed from Ash Street to dead end under Betterment Act.
Glenmere Circle:	Constructed from Winslow Road to accepted portion of Glenmere Circle under Betterment Act.
Jere Road:	Constructed from Lothrop Road to dead end under Betterment Act.
Lothrop Road:	Constructed from County Road at Howard Street to County Road at Wescroft Road under Betterment Act.
Minot Street:	Applied bituminous concrete surfacing over existing surface from Main Street to Washington Street.
Chapter 90 Maint:	Armor-coated Lowell Street, Winthrop Avenue to Woburn Street. Mixed-in-place surfacing applied to Haverhill Street, Franklin Street to Granger Avenue.

In the early summer, a street resurfacing program was started and carried on through the early fall months, a total of 31,235 gallons of road oil being used to surface-treat approximately 70,104 square yards of roadway. Armor coating was used extensively with good results. On several other streets, which had been severely deformed by excavations for water mains, sewers, storm drains, etc., it was necessary to apply mixed-in-place surfacing with road oils and stone cover to restore the proper crowned surface. Deep frosts, heavy rains and resultant floods, utility excavation and other causes have resulted in the breaking up of many road surfaces. In 1956 it will be necessary to surface treat many of these roadways.

A total of 439.64 square yards of granolithic sidewalks and 865.10 square yards of bituminous concrete sidewalks were installed by the Highway Department under the Betterment Act, whereby a portion of the cost of construction is borne by the abutting property owner. In addition, 239.00 square yards of bituminous concrete sidewalks were installed by contract, also under the Betterment Act.

No granite curbing was installed in 1955 under the Betterment Act, as curbing funds were not appropriated in 1955. A total of 47 applications are on hand for future installations when funds are again available.

The storm drainage system was extended a total of 2,204.00 lineal feet, including 25 catch basins and 20 manholes, all by departmental personnel. Three particularly dangerous and aggravating drainage problems were eliminated, one each on Walnut, Deering and Grove Streets. In addition, an easement was secured from property owners and major channel improvements were accomplished on Aberjona River, from Intervale Terrace to John Carver Road, a distance of 1900 lineal feet, in order to properly drain the new Senior High School Athletic Field in Birch Meadow.

The aftermath of Hurricane "Diane" in late August resulted in severe damage to various culverts, roadways and open drain ditches in various parts of Reading, with floods in many sections comparable to the damage caused by Hurricane "Edna" of September 10, 1954. The damage was so severe that the State Flood Relief Board has allocated \$20,000.00 of State funds for the permanent repair of several culverts, storm drains and roadways. Inclement weather during the Fall of 1955 has prevented completion of this work, which will be undertaken in the early months of 1956.

Maintenance of storm drains has been accomplished in many locations. In September, 1955 the Department acquired a mechanical catch basin cleaner and crane, which was mounted on a Highway Department dump truck, and two men have been constantly engaged in cleaning catch basins. This work was hitherto accomplished by contract, and is now being done by Departmental personnel at a marked decrease in cost. Many basins previously cleaned were filled with debris from the flood rains of October 1955, which necessitated a second cleaning. The Town drainage system now contains over 1200 catch basins, which must be cleaned annually or more often as conditions so require.

Removal of snow and ice was limited mostly to sanding and salting icy streets. A total of 2 plowable snow storms were experienced during the early months of 1955, and no plowable storms during the closing months. However, the month of December, 1955 with near-record protracted low temperatures and several sleet storms necessitated continued highway sanding and salting. A total of 2,053 tons of sand and 72 tons of salt were used in highway sanding in 1955.

John Street Dump

Early in the Spring of 1955, a drag-line crane was used to excavate a vast quantity of peat from the Easterly dumping perimeter of the John Street Dump. This resulted in an excavation with a dumping depth from present dump level of eighteen to twenty feet, and prolonged appreciably the useful life of the present dump. All waste material possible is burned, then the remaining debris is bull-dozed into the excavation. It is estimated that by this method the present dump will not be filled until August or September of 1956, at which time a new

excavation will be made Southerly of the Quannapowitt Drain Ditch, where the Town owns considerable acreage.

A rodent control program at John Street Dump was carried out during the Spring of 1955, by professional exterminators, with excellent results, resulting in a marked decrease in the rat population at the Dump. It is recommended that the rodent control program be continued in 1956, and thereafter from time to time as conditions warrant. A fully bonded and insured professional exterminator uses non-toxic baits harmless to humans and properly safe guarded from dogs and cats.

Park and Playground Division

Maintenance of all Parks, Playgrounds and Recreation areas was carried on during the year, and during the Supervised Play period in July and August the Park Department worked in close co-ordination with the Recreation Committee and its Director.

Several new construction projects were completed during the year at Parks and Playgrounds.

Memorial Park landscaping was completed, adding 4½ acres of available park space and completely eliminating the low, marshy area on the Charles and Harrison Street sector of the Park. Loam and peat which had been removed from the area reclaimed, was spread, graded, treated with ground limestone and commercial fertilizer, and seeded with a special formula Park grass seed. A concrete block field house was erected near the site of the old Park Barn for storage of supervised play equipment.

At Birch Meadow Playground, two tennis courts were resurfaced with bituminous concrete and new fox wire installed on tennis court fences. Grading operations adjacent to the Overlook were postponed to the Spring of 1956 because of flooded conditions in the Senior High School Athletic Field, and resultant failure of a contractor to complete grading of the school area.

Sturges Park received much attention during the year. To prevent flooding of newly constructed dwelling houses on Walnut Street, excavated material from betterment road construction was utilized to construct a berm adjacent to these houses, two inlet brooks were piped, and a start made on clearing brush from a large section of the Park abutting Pine Ridge (Private) Road. It is planned to further improve Sturges Park in 1956 by constructing a natural hockey rink separated from the general ice skating area, and, by using excavated material from the Chapter 90 Construction of West Street as fill, construct a graded and grassed play area in the Northerly section of the Park.

Little League Park on Pleasant Street also received a grading treatment. Peat was removed from a portion of the area Westerly of Little League Ball Field, and waste material from betterment streets was used as fill. In the Spring of 1956, this peat will be spread over the newly filled area, properly treated, and grassed. If funds are available, two more years should complete a baseball field for public use in this Park, at a very nominal cost.

Washington Street Ball Park was in constant use during the play season, and received its normal care. New fox-wire was installed on

the tennis court fences, and a cement block field house was constructed for the storage of supervised play equipment.

Sewer Division

Main trunk sanitary sewers totaling 6319.81 lineal feet were laid in 14 streets, including 33 man holes, for a total of 108 possible sewer house connections. Departmental forces installed 826.55 lineal feet of sewers and 5493.26 lineal feet were installed by contractors.

The sewer on Lowell Street, from Intervale Terrace to High Street encountered numerous subterranean obstacles and early December 1955 frost conditions, but will be completed early in 1956.

New sewer house connections were made to 64 dwelling houses and business establishments, and five connections were partially installed to street line on Lothrop Road. Sewer house connection installations totalled 3857.75 lineal feet.

Maintenance of sewer trunk lines was carried on throughout the year, particular attention being given to sewers laid on flat gradients. Three main sewers became clogged due to intrusion of tree roots through joints on sewers laid in years past, and one sewer house connection was relaid for the same reason.

A new manhole to receive the contents of private cess-pool cleaning tank trucks was constructed at the rear of the Municipal Garage on John Street, on the main outfall sewer line. This has eliminated complaints from property owners on John and Village Streets adjacent to the former dumping manhole at the intersection of John and Village Streets.

Willow Street Sewage Pumping Station has operated satisfactorily during the year, disposing of sewage from the Senior High School. During grading operations at the Senior High School Athletic Field in Birch Meadow, a contractor's bull-dozer damaged a sewer manhole in Birch Meadow. This was not reported, and during excessive rainfalls in mid-October, the meadow became flooded, causing surface water to enter the sewer and flood the wet-well at the sewage pumping station, resulting in considerable damage to motors, cominutor, and pumps. The break was eventually located, temporarily sand-bagged, and repaired when flood water subsided.

Engineering Division

The Engineering Division accomplished much necessary work during the year. Surveys, plotting and drafting, design, preparation of specifications and contracts, inspection of contract and departmental work including new roads, sewers, drains, water mains, sidewalks, parks, received the attention of this Division. All subdivisions and developments submitted were checked for proper layout under the rules and regulations of the Board of Survey and Subdivision Control Act.

Board of Survey Division

During the year 1955, a total of 15 duly advertised public hearings were held on petition of contractors, developers and/or home owners for acceptance of lines and grades of proposed street layouts. Estimates were prepared and surety bonds secured for construction of six of these

locations. Grades were changed on several streets after due notice and public hearing as required by law.

Many individual lot and/or small subdivision plans where the property abutted on public town ways were examined and endorsed as not requiring Board of Survey approval under the Subdivision Control Law, Chapter 41, General Laws, for filing in the Registry of Deeds and Land Court.

Recommendations

The continued rapid growth of Reading have resulted in increased demands for utilities and services of all types. Chief among these are sanitary sewage extensions, water main extensions, storm drain installation including piping of existing open water courses. Unless annual appropriations are substantially increased, many of the requested services will of necessity be postponed for some time, due to lack of funds. I therefore recommend that annual appropriations for main trunk sewer extensions, sewer house connections, storm drain installations and maintenance of storm drains be substantially increased.

The Capital Expenditures Planning Committee have designated 1956 as the year in which funds would be allocated for an addition to the Municipal Garage for the use of the various Public Works Departments. At the March 1946 annual Town Meeting the sum of \$25,000.00 was transferred from Water Available Surplus for the purpose of constructing this addition, but the funds transferred proved insufficient to construct the proposed addition. Ten years have since elapsed, and the Municipal Garage has now reached a point where proper storage and maintenance of equipment and supplies for the Water, Sewer and Highway Departments is nearly an impossibility. Equipment is crowded to the danger point, and in the event of fire it would be very difficult to move even the rolling equipment to safety. I recommend that the additional sum of \$15,000 be raised from the Tax Levy or from available funds for this extension, and that the Department act as contractor on construction of the addition and sublet such work as can more economically be sub-contracted.

Within the near future, it will be necessary to have a long-range study made of future sewer extensions, such as was last made in September 1916 by F. A. Barbour. The scope of this study will be of such magnitude that it should be accomplished by competent consulting engineers.

With the rapid increase in population and resultant added use of water, a survey should also be made of additional water collection and treatment facilities. Additional water supplies may well be needed prior to the proposed connection with the Metropolitan District Commission water supply.

In closing this report I wish to thank the Board of Public Works for their cooperation, the members of the department for their efficient work, and other town officials, departments and citizens who have cooperated with and assisted this department.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES T. PUTNAM, Superintendent

STATISTICS FOR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1955

READING WATER DEPARTMENT

Reading, (Middlesex County), Massachusetts

General Statistics

Population 1955 State Census — 16,440.

Date of Construction of Pumping Stations — 1931, 1953.

Source of Supply — artesian wells, gravel-packed wells.

Mode of supply — pumping.

Pumps at Hundred Acres Pumping Stations

Builders of pumping machinery — DeLaval Steam Turbine Co., A. D. Miller, Inc.

Pumping Station No. 1

(A) — Pumping unit No. 1 — Electric two-stage 5/4 DeLaval 75 H.P., 1750 R.P.M., 3-phase, 60-cycle, 440-volt. 900 Gallons per minute.

(B) — Pumping unit No. 2 — Electric two-stage 8/6 DeLaval 125 H.P., 1750 R.P.M., 3-phase, 60-cycle, 440-volt. 1200 gallons per minute.

Auxiliary Station No. 2

Pumping unit — Cook rotation electric 50 H.P., 1800 R.P.M., 3-phase, 60-cycle, 440-volt. 850 Gallons per minute.

Emergency drive — 4-cylinder twin-disc Continental gasoline engine.

Auxiliary Station No. 3

Pumping unit — Cook rotation electric 20 H.P., 1800 R.P.M., 3-phase, 60-cycle, 440-volt. 550 Gallons per minute.

Emergency drive — 4-cylinder twin-disc Continental gasoline engine.

Pumping Statistics

K.W.H. of electricity used for year — 593,200.

Total pumpage — (Venturi, Builders—Flowatch meters) — 412,582,400 Gals.

Average No. Gals. per K.W.H. — 695.52.

Average static head against which pumps worked — 223.

Average dynamic head against which pumps worked — 258.

Cost of pumping (per million gallons) power only — \$20.48.

Cost of pumping (per million gallons) — based on total pumping station expenses — \$23.30.

Cost of filtration (per million gallons) based on cost of plant operation — \$7.47.

Cost of water supply (per million gallons pumped) figured on cost of maintenance, plus interest on bonds — \$203.40.

STATISTICS RELATING TO DISTRIBUTION — 1955

Kinds and sizes of pipes: Cast Iron, Galvanized Iron, Lead-lined — 1¼" to 12".

Main Extensions 1955 — 2"	78.00 Ft.
6"	6426.90 Ft.
8"	1810.20 Ft.
12"	533.00 Ft.

Totals 8853.10 Ft.

Total length of mains now in use — 67.496 miles.

No. of Hydrants added during year — 14.

No. of Hydrants (public and private) now in use — 425.

No. of stop gates added during year — 34.

No. of stop gates now in use — 1046.

No. of Stop gates smaller than 4" — 166.

No. of blow-offs added during year — 1.

No. of blow-offs now in use — 30.

Range of water pressure — 45 to 90 pounds.

STATISTICS RELATING TO SUCTION MAINS AND WELLS — 1955

Kind of Pipe — Cast Iron.

Size of Pipe — 8", 10", 12", 16".

Total Length Pipe in use — 8" — 4608.00 Ft. 10" — 882.00 Ft. 12" — 1820.00 Ft. 16" — 116.00 Ft. Total — 7426.00 Ft.

Gates on suction and force mains now in use — 8" — 4. 10" — 1. 12" — 12. 16" — 1. Total — 18.

Wells on various line — Line A — 6. Line B — 18. Line C — 11.

Line D — 12. Line E — 16. Line F — 20. Line G — 8. Line

H — 13. Line I — 9. Line J — 9. Line K — 8. Total 131.

Gravel-packed wells at auxiliary pumping stations — 2.

STATISTICS RELATING TO SERVICES — 1955

Kinds of pipe — Cast Iron, Cement-lined, Lead-lined, Galvanized iron, Copper tubing.

Sizes — ¾" to 6".

Services extended in 1955 — 11,331.30 Ft.

No. new service pipe connections made in 1955 — 192.

No. of services now in use — 4201.

Average length of services installed in 1955 — 59.02 Ft.

No. of new water meters tested in 1955 — 128.

No. of old meters, cleaned, repaired and tested — 471.

No. of water meters junked — 30.

No. of water meters now in use — 4656.

YEARLY RECORD OF HUNDRED ACRES PUMPING STATIONS

January 1, 1955 thru December 31, 1955

Month	No. Days	Pumped Hrs. Mins.	(Venturi Meters)			Total Pumpage	Power K.W.H.	Gals. per K.W.H.	Rainfall	Avg. Daily Gals. Pumped
			Station 1	Stations 2 & 3	Gallons Pumped					
January	31	597 15	29,534,400	91,900	29,626,300	42,900	688.45	0.63		952,723
February	28	466 30	22,661,600	3,036,900	25,698,500	37,300	688.97	3.69		917,804
March	31	558 15	26,990,300	2,900,900	29,891,200	42,900	696.76	4.17		964,232
April	30	609 45	29,944,400	1,103,600	31,048,000	43,000	722.05	3.18		1,034,933
May	31	677 45	33,472,700	5,227,600	38,700,300	53,000	730.19	1.86		1,248,397
June	30	639 15	30,614,300	4,872,500	35,486,800	50,700	699.94	3.29		1,182,893
July	31	683 30	32,348,000	16,809,500	49,157,500	73,400	699.71	1.17		1,585,726
August	31	614 45	28,033,100	13,918,100	41,951,200	64,600	649.40	12.45		1,353,265
September	30	548 45	23,823,500	9,188,800	33,012,300	48,600	679.27	2.29		1,100,410
October	31	606 45	30,293,400	3,378,500	33,671,900	46,300	727.25	8.95		1,086,190
November	30	508 —	24,321,900	6,660,700	30,982,600	42,300	732.45	5.88		1,032,753
December	31	626 45	30,542,800	2,813,000	33,355,800	48,200	692.03	1.02		1,075,994
Totals	365	7,137 15	342,580,400	70,002,000	412,582,400	593,200	695.52	48.58		1,130,363

HUNDRED ACRES PUMPING STATION

COMPARATIVE TOTAL PUMPAGE OF WATER — FOR PAST 10 YEARS

Year	Total Pumpage (Gallons)	Increase or Decrease	Average Daily Pumpage	Increase or Decrease
1946	258,826,800	27,343,300 (I)	709,115	74,914 (I)
1947	268,036,800	9,210,000 (I)	727,413	18,298 (I)
1948	288,389,200	20,352,400 (I)	787,948	60,535 (I)
1949	324,296,900	35,907,700 (I)	888,466	100,518 (I)
1950	328,962,800	4,665,900 (I)	901,265	12,799 (I)
1951	324,343,400	4,619,400 (D)	888,584	12,681 (D)
1952	352,404,400	28,061,000 (I)	962,854	74,270 (I)
1953	405,580,000	53,175,600 (I)	1,111,178	148,324 (I)
1954	374,804,000	30,776,000 (D)	1,026,860	84,318 (D)
1955	412,582,400	37,778,400 (I)	1,130,363	103,503 (I)

WATER-MAIN EXTENSIONS — 1955

Street	Location	Length of Pipe			Total	Hyds.	Gates
		2"	6"	8"			
Baker Rd.	Pearl St., Easterly		237.50		237.50		1
Batchelder Rd.	Dead-end, Northerly		96.00		96.00		
Boiton St.	Ash St., Easterly		593.50		593.50	2	3
Catherine Ave.	West St., NE & SE		809.80		809.80	1	2
Charles St.	Pearl St., Northeastly			538.00	538.00		
Dana Rd.	Dead-end, Westerly			96.00	96.00		
Emerson St.	Franklin St., Northerly		896.00		896.00	2	3
Gleason Rd. Ext.	Gleason Rd., Northerly			587.10	587.10	1	3
Greenwood Rd.	Gleason Rd. Ext., Easterly		76.00		76.00		1
Harvard St.	Lowell St., Northeastly		100.00		100.00		1
Haverhill St.	Dead-end, Northerly		96.00		96.00		
Juniper Circle	Wakefield St., Northerly		516.00		516.00	1	2
King St.	6" Main to Prospect St.			211.10	211.10		1
Linnea Lane	Pearl St., Easterly & Northerly			595.30	595.30	1	3
MacIntosh Rd.	Gleason Rd. Ext., Westerly		205.00		205.00		1
Mark Ave.	Dead-end, Northwestery			165.00	165.00	1	2
Milton Rd.	Howard St., Northwestery		486.00		486.00	1	2
Morgan Pk.	Dead-end, Southerly	78.00			78.00		
Rachel Rd.	Summer Ave., Northeastly		496.00		496.00	1	2
Richards Rd.	Dead-end to Timberneck Dr.		504.60		504.60	1	3
Summer Ave.	Tying-in two dead-ends		162.50		162.50	1	1
Susan Dr.	Franklin St., N/W and Northerly		799.00		799.00	1	2
Timberneck Dr.	Tamarack Rd., Westerly			155.70	155.70		1
Wentworth Rd.	Dead-end, Southerly		96.00		96.00		
West St.	Dead-end to Catherine Ave.		144.00		144.00		
Winthrop Ave.	Dead-end, Northwestery		113.00		113.00		
Totals	.....	78.00	6426.90	1810.20	538.00	8853.10	34

RAINFALL AT HUNDRED ACRES PUMPING STATION

1955

Month	Normal Rainfall	1955 Rainfall	Excess or Deficiency 1955
January	3.44	0.63	2.81 (D)
February	3.15	3.69	0.54 (E)
March	3.72	4.17	0.45 (E)
April	3.71	3.18	0.53 (D)
May	3.25	1.86	1.39 (D)
June	3.37	3.29	0.08 (D)
July	3.22	1.17	2.05 (D)
August	3.48	12.45	8.97 (E)
September	3.54	2.29	1.25 (D)
October	2.84	8.95	6.11 (E)
November	3.64	5.88	2.24 (E)
December	3.47	1.02	2.45 (D)
Total	41.43	48.58	7.15 (E)

TABLE SHOWING DAILY AMOUNTS OF RAIN AND MELTED SNOW HUNDRED ACRES

1955

Day of Month	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1.	.11	1.08	.41	....	....	.12	....	....	.02	....	.16	....
2.	.29	....	....	....	....	T	.33	....	....	....	.02	.09
3.	....	....	.40	.19	....	....	....	....	....	....	.02	.28
4.	....	....	.16	....	....	.01	....	....	....	....	3.36	.50
5.	T	....	.27	.02	.33	.01	.20	....	T	....	.28	....
6.	.17	.70	.56	.23	.01	.13	.20	.06	....	1.11	....	....
7.	....	....	....	....	.04	T	....	.08	....	.01	T	....
8.	....	....	.07	....	.15	T	....	....	....	.20	....	....
9.	....	....	.02	....	....	....	.06	....	....	....	....	....
10.	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1.25	....	....
11.	....	1.25	....	....	....	.33	....	.21	.01	....	.01	....
12.	....	....	.39	....	....	1.24	....	1.58	....	....	....	....
13.	....	....	....	T	.01	....	....	.07	....	.09	.30	.03
14.	....	.05	....	.01	....	....	....	....	....	2.10	.03	T
15.	T	.03	....	.01	....	....	....	....	.01	1.65	....	....
16.	....	.45	....	T	.04	.10	.32	....	....	2.50	.25	....
17.	....	.39	....	....	....	....	....	.26	....	....	T	....
18.	....	....	.01	....	....	.09	....	3.18	....	....	....	....
19.	....	....	....	.13	....	.02	....	5.20	.02	....	.19	....
20.	....	....	....	T	....	.02	....	....	.28	....	....	....
21.	.02	....	.19	.15	....	.47	....	....	....	.13	....	....
22.	T	T	1.22	.15	....	T	....	.57	....	....	....	.07
23.	....	.28	....	....	....	.37	.06	.29	.04	....	.01	T
24.	....	....	.02	.50	T	.29	....	....	1.10	.18	....	.02
25.	....	....	.03	.56	.20	.09	....	....	....	....	....	....
26.	....	T	.42	.20	.80	....	....	....	....	.10	....	....
27.	....	.40	....	.03	....	....	....	.52	.32	....	....	....
28.	....	.06	....	.83	....	....	....	.01	.01	....	....	....
29.	....	....	....	.17	....	....	....	....	.01	....	....	.03
30.	.04	....	....	....	.03	....	....	....	.47	.88	....	....
31.	....	....	....	....	.25	....	....	.42	....	....	....	....
Totals	0.63	3.69	4.17	3.18	1.86	3.29	1.17	12.45	2.29	8.95	5.88	1.02
Accum. Totals	0.63	4.32	8.49	11.67	13.53	16.82	17.99	30.44	32.73	41.68	47.56	48.58

AMOUNTS OF RAINFALL FOR YEARS 1900 THROUGH 1955 **HUNDRED ACRES PUMPING STATION**

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Totals
1900	5.32	8.69	5.03	2.15	4.60	3.13	1.90	3.17	4.15	3.31	5.05	2.44	48.94
1901	1.33	5.88	9.59	7.21	1.74	4.65	2.66	3.59	2.76	3.06	8.10	51.65
1902	1.80	6.11	4.69	6.22	1.98	3.02	3.75	4.01	4.91	0.99	5.60	44.77
1903	3.84	3.16	6.38	4.95	8.91	3.40	3.42	2.29	3.69	1.33	2.59	44.44
1904	4.42	2.21	2.21	9.90	2.56	1.88	4.26	5.16	2.25	1.80	2.25	42.23
1905	5.44	1.47	2.92	2.59	6.11	1.19	3.30	7.87	1.20	2.22	3.72	39.42
1906	2.60	2.53	6.48	2.84	2.63	5.88	4.18	1.36	2.38	3.31	3.08	42.41
1907	3.97	2.10	2.40	3.21	3.80	3.58	1.33	7.90	3.36	6.83	3.80	44.97
1908	3.07	4.28	2.72	1.71	1.58	3.09	4.07	0.86	3.56	1.10	2.66	32.70
1909	4.17	5.33	3.95	2.32	2.14	3.59	2.75	3.74	1.23	4.06	3.60	40.10
1910	4.54	3.14	1.58	2.32	4.36	1.98	2.61	2.45	1.48	4.30	1.92	31.87
1911	2.25	2.94	3.12	1.89	3.43	4.79	3.80	2.94	2.91	4.14	3.57	36.45
1912	2.68	2.42	5.04	4.05	0.29	6.44	2.02	3.02	1.45	3.10	4.80	41.04
1913	2.48	2.64	4.51	3.76	0.93	1.68	3.48	3.66	7.56	2.13	3.24	39.52
1914	3.34	3.65	4.09	6.32	1.44	2.34	2.78	0.23	1.51	2.92	3.69	35.07
1915	5.52	3.54	0.00	2.72	1.68	8.76	6.66	0.70	2.80	2.93	5.47	45.38
1916	1.22	5.37	3.37	5.14	4.59	3.13	2.30	3.11	1.01	1.94	2.01	39.05
1917	2.92	4.18	2.90	4.00	4.78	1.19	3.70	1.46	5.75	1.39	2.65	37.33
1918	3.08	3.02	2.02	4.10	0.85	2.99	2.81	8.37	1.02	2.24	2.48	36.02
1919	3.24	3.61	4.01	2.46	0.88	3.22	3.83	5.65	6.20	6.20	1.53	42.70
1920	2.75	6.46	4.21	5.75	5.24	1.94	2.02	4.27	1.16	4.67	4.82	46.56
1921	2.09	3.43	5.48	1.86	4.02	9.79	1.96	1.74	1.57	6.50	2.28	43.15
1922	1.77	2.72	4.27	5.08	11.27	4.88	3.29	3.68	2.73	1.06	3.12	45.24
1923	6.95	1.67	2.60	5.17	2.79	1.98	3.17	0.82	3.63	4.13	4.83	39.30
1924	3.77	2.55	1.71	4.25	2.53	2.70	4.80	7.95	0.05	2.56	1.52	37.49
1925	4.28	2.14	7.66	2.95	5.62	3.13	2.37	2.16	4.66	3.94	5.53	46.49
1926	2.53	4.41	2.83	2.24	2.19	2.08	3.30	1.32	3.95	3.89	3.08	33.62
1927	2.32	3.18	1.30	1.43	2.27	3.04	5.28	2.68	4.10	4.18	4.77	36.74
1928	2.17	3.37	1.45	5.13	6.63	3.65	3.84	4.18	2.96	2.28	2.57	41.00
1929	3.14	3.76	3.49	6.81	1.21	1.19	4.53	2.41	2.49	2.87	3.63	39.03

AMOUNTS OF RAINFALL FOR YEARS 1900 THROUGH 1955 HUNDRED ACRES PUMPING STATION

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Totals
1930	2.48	3.29	1.90	3.38	2.19	4.07	2.77	0.79	4.45	3.68	2.20	33.25
1931	3.27	4.94	3.07	3.53	6.47	3.76	4.11	1.97	2.43	1.26	3.72	41.25
1932	3.92	4.83	2.01	1.17	1.81	2.04	5.09	7.24	7.26	5.25	1.29	43.81
1933	2.27	7.22	6.51	2.70	1.27	1.47	4.41	9.97	3.50	0.96	3.47	47.21
1934	3.17	5.13	3.09	2.52	4.00	1.35	1.73	6.43	3.89	2.03	2.70	39.23
1935	6.13	3.23	4.72	1.44	6.21	2.67	1.98	4.03	0.58	4.36	0.90	37.31
1936	6.60	3.09	7.23	2.05	2.73	1.75	4.49	4.15	1.59	1.37	8.24	46.30
1937	4.50	1.80	3.21	3.13	3.45	0.97	3.91	3.04	4.48	5.18	4.89	43.17
1938	4.08	2.07	2.11	3.12	7.18	11.42	2.19	8.33	2.93	1.86	2.85	51.65
1939	2.08	3.48	4.00	4.47	2.77	0.73	3.13	2.45	4.66	0.77	2.92	33.48
1940	2.22	4.34	4.65	3.52	2.41	2.58	0.80	4.59	1.05	6.67	2.73	39.24
1941	3.16	1.88	2.51	2.24	2.09	3.66	3.05	0.58	2.13	2.38	4.08	29.65
1942	4.25	2.98	7.20	3.34	3.19	5.08	1.82	2.18	2.99	4.72	5.61	45.38
1943	3.09	1.03	3.57	2.60	2.09	4.79	1.35	0.67	5.84	4.45	1.02	36.04
1944	2.63	2.26	4.22	3.84	0.83	2.56	2.83	7.22	2.65	6.03	3.18	43.57
1945	2.60	4.40	1.79	2.85	5.90	3.07	3.07	1.19	2.62	7.77	6.41	45.95
1946	3.91	3.06	1.57	2.74	5.26	1.90	8.64	2.37	0.37	1.02	4.09	38.32
1947	3.10	1.03	3.69	4.91	3.27	5.83	1.44	3.33	0.44	6.24	3.09	39.91
1948	4.33	2.11	2.84	2.63	5.38	4.83	1.08	1.00	3.08	5.41	1.41	38.73
1949	3.47	3.28	1.25	4.25	3.37	1.78	5.05	4.28	1.93	3.03	1.86	34.39
1950	4.41	3.12	3.67	1.95	1.38	1.91	4.19	1.56	3.27	6.31	3.53	36.68
1951	3.33	3.79	4.76	1.87	4.74	4.72	2.11	1.77	5.15	6.84	4.56	47.11
1952	4.64	3.71	3.67	4.45	1.50	0.93	8.85	1.83	1.32	2.27	4.14	42.44
1953	6.72	2.96	7.57	5.43	1.09	2.31	0.64	1.46	5.52	5.91	3.81	48.23
1954	2.34	2.53	3.13	3.93	10.97	2.16	5.88	9.92	1.61	5.27	5.25	54.45
1955	0.63	3.69	4.17	3.18	1.86	1.17	12.45	2.29	8.95	5.88	1.02	48.58
Average ...	3.44	3.15	3.72	3.71	3.25	3.37	3.22	3.48	3.54	2.84	3.64	3.47	41.43

KINDS AND SIZES OF WATER METERS IN USE JANUARY 1, 1955

Make	5/8"	3/4"	1"	1 1/4"	1 1/2"	2"	3"	4"	6"	8"	Totals
Nash	1464		17	1	4	2					1488
Empire	1031						2				1033
Trident	940	2	5		3	3	3		1		957
Hersey	532	11	24	6	8	7	1	1		1	591
Gamon	217		2								219
Pittsburgh	151	13		2							166
Crown	48	2	1		3	9					63
Worthington	32					1	2		2		37
Lambert	45		2								47
Union	36		1				1		1		39
Federal	2										2
Thompson	4										4
Keystone	1			8							9
Gem							1				1
Totals	4503	28	52	17	18	22	10	1	4	1	4656

STORM WATER DRAINAGE CONSTRUCTION — 1955

Street	Length of Pipe	No. C/Bs	No. M/Hs
Batchelder Rd.	92.00 Ft.	2	
Birch Meadow Drive	190.00	4	3
Bolton St.	112.00	2	
Deering St.	235.00		2
Franklin St.	144.00	1	1
Glenmere Circle	185.00	7	2
Grove St.	265.00	1	3
Lothrop Rd.	306.00	4	3
Summer Ave.	75.00	2	1
Walnut St.	345.00	2	3
West St.	255.00		2
TOTALS	2204.00	25	20

MAIN TRUNK SEWER EXTENSIONS — 1955

Street	Location	Size and Length of Pipe					Total Poss.	
		6" VC	8" VC	8" CI	8" VC Ext.	Tees	MH	YS Length Conn.
Bond St.	Complete	1032.65				7	6	17 1032.65 23
County Rd.	Wescroft to Howard	578.73				5	3	4 578.73 11
Jere Rd.	Complete	195.46				2	1	1 195.46 3
King Street .....	.....	35.70				0	1	0 35.70 1
Lothrop Rd.	Complete	1274.52				5	9	10 1274.52 20
Lowell St.	Intervale to Bond	605.00				7	1	0 605.00 10
Oak Ridge Rd.	Oak to Sylvan	315.80			297.10	0	2	10 612.90 6
Pine Ridge Rd.	Sylvan — Southerly	120.15	115.00		175.00	0	3	7 410.15 8
Rachel Rd.	Complete (By Contractor)	440.00				0	2	10 440.00 8
Summer Ave.	Boyce St. to No. 247	32.00				2	0	0 32.00 1
Summer Ave.	Penn. to Knollwood	544.00				0	3	7 544.00 10
Sylvan Rd.	Complete	239.85				0	0	2 239.85 2
West St.	Scotland — Northerly	166.25				0	1	4 166.25 3
Woburn St.	West St. — Easterly	152.60				0	1	2 152.60 2
		67.70	5665.01	115.00	472.10	28	33	74 6319.81 108

LENGTH OF MAIN SEWERS — 1955

Street	5"	6"	8"	10"	12"	15"	18"	20"	24"	Total
Arlington St.	399.80	....	....	....	....	....	....	399.80
Ash St.	1062.90	....	....	258.80	....	....	....	1321.70
Bancroft Ave.	72.50	1366.79	....	....	....	....	....	....	1439.29
Berkeley St.	1256.10	....	....	....	....	....	....	1256.10
Bond St.	1032.65	....	....	....	....	....	....	1032.65
Boyce St.	516.87	....	....	....	....	....	....	516.87
Brook St.	847.60	847.60
Cape Cod Ave.	82.00	536.65	....	....	....	....	....	....	618.65
Center Ave.	620.60	....	....	....	....	....	....	620.60
Chapin Ave.	529.00	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	529.00
Charles St.	75.00	845.00	....	....	....	....	....	....	920.00
Chute St.	191.00	....	402.13	....	....	....	....	....	....	593.13
Copeland Ave.	500.00	....	....	....	....	....	....	500.00
County Rd.	735.73	....	....	....	....	....	....	735.73
Crosby Rd.	309.30	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	309.30
Deering St.	107.00	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	107.00
Dudley St.	349.74	374.50	....	....	....	....	....	....	724.24
Eaton St.	622.70	907.70	....	....	....	1530.40
Echo Ave.	371.83	95.40	79.00	....	....	....	....	546.23
Edwin St.	198.62	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	198.62
Elliott St.	489.00	....	....	....	....	....	....	489.00
Elm St.	383.28	....	....	....	....	....	....	383.28
Fairview Ave.	1084.30	....	....	....	....	....	....	1084.30
Fremont St.	456.50	....	....	....	....	....	....	456.50
Gardner Rd.	475.00	....	....	....	....	....	....	475.00
Gilmore Ave.	181.80	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	181.80
Glen Rd.	602.00	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	602.00
Gould St.	172.70	....	296.39	....	....	....	....	....	....	469.09
Grand St.	767.35	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	767.35
Green St.	175.20	1717.40	....	....	821.60	....	....	....	2714.20
Hancock St.	250.00	....	....	1011.80	....	....	....	....	1261.80
Harnden St.	559.30	....	....	....	....	....	....	559.30
Harrison St.	565.00	822.50	....	....	....	....	1387.50
Haven St.	236.50	1752.80	....	....	....	....	....	....	1989.30
High St.	431.47	1338.05	736.10	....	....	....	....	2505.62
High School	100.00	2500.00	4396.00	....	....	....	....	6996.00
Hillcrest Rd.	965.30	....	....	....	....	....	....	965.30
Howard St.	1518.00	1110.00	....	....	....	....	....	....	2628.00
Interceptors	205.00	....	....	....	....	....	2732.00	2937.00
Jere Road	195.46	....	....	....	....	....	....	195.46
John St.	602.30	266.00	....	....	569.60	....	....	....	1616.40
King St.	889.57	175.00	....	....	....	....	....	178.50	1064.57
Kingston St.	719.30	....	....	....	....	....	....	719.30
Lewis St.	932.16	....	....	....	....	....	....	932.16
Lincoln St.	573.40	538.10	....	....	....	....	1111.50
Linden St.	187.20	304.40	735.30	....	....	....	....	....	1226.90
Longview Rd.	395.00	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	395.00
Lothrop Rd.	1274.52	....	....	....	....	....	....	1274.52
Lowell St.	101.16	1418.10	....	....	....	....	....	....	1519.26
Main St.	1246.10	....	955.50	....	....	234.90	....	2436.50
Maple St.	189.20	....	....	....	....	....	....	189.20
Middle St.	313.60	....	....	....	....	....	....	313.60
Middlesex Ave.	200.38	1423.40	....	....	....	....	....	....	1623.78
Mineral St.	627.25	438.40	....	....	....	....	....	....	1065.65
Minot St.	1409.65	....	....	....	....	....	....	1409.65
Morgan Park	312.49	....	....	....	....	312.49
Mt. Vernon St.	828.52	160.00	....	....	....	....	....	988.52
Nichols Rd.	433.34	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	433.34
Oak St.	1802.00	....	....	....	....	....	....	1802.00
Oak Ridge Rd.	315.80	....	....	....	....	....	....	315.80
Orange St.	1125.00	....	396.21	....	....	....	....	1521.21
Orchard Pk. Drive	444.00	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	444.00
Park Ave.	507.30	322.70	....	....	....	....	....	830.00
Parker St.	427.00	....	....	....	....	....	....	427.00
Pearl St.	330.00	757.40	....	855.55	....	....	....	....	1942.95
Pennsylvania Ave.	628.00	....	....	....	....	....	....	628.00
Perkins Ave.	400.00	....	....	....	....	....	....	400.00
Pierce St.	250.10	....	....	....	....	....	....	250.10
Pine Ave.	226.00	....	....	....	....	....	....	226.00
Pine Ridge Rd.	1035.15	....	....	....	....	....	....	1035.15
Pleasant St.	1496.80	843.96	....	....	....	....	....	2340.76
Pratt St.	186.00	776.30	....	....	....	....	....	....	962.30
Prescott St.	2529.26	....	1174.10	....	....	....	....	3703.36
Prospect St.	532.00	1260.00	....	....	....	....	....	....	1792.00
Rachel Rd.	440.00	....	....	....	....	....	....	440.00
Salem St.	1082.10	....	132.50	....	....	....	....	1214.60

Length of Main Sewers 1955 — Continued

Street	5"	6"	8"	10"	12"	15"	18"	20"	24"	Total
Sanborn St.			716.30							716.30
School St.			688.25							688.25
Scotland Rd.		500.00	901.73							1401.73
Sigsbee Ave.			320.51							320.51
Smith Ave.				475.00						475.00
Spring St.		393.50								393.50
Summer Ave.		436.19	4143.85							4580.04
Sunnyside Ave.		434.60		264.00						698.60
Sweetser Ave.			334.30							334.30
Sylvan Rd.			239.85							239.85
Temple St.		896.76		432.89	661.39					1991.04
Thorndike St.		204.00								204.00
Union St.			303.60							303.60
Village St.			1015.60				487.80			1503.40
Virginia Rd.		125.00								125.00
Vista Ave.		300.00								300.00
Warren Ave.			715.00							715.00
Washington St.			1324.90		246.80	312.90		1574.30		3458.90
Wenda St.		300.00								300.00
West St.		1283.90	166.25							1450.15
Wilson St.				471.40	333.10					804.50
Woburn St.	815.80	2999.25	152.60		917.40					4885.05
Wood End Lane		229.45								229.45

1361.30 18303.06 57262.05 8777.10 14191.24 2870.60 487.80 1809.20 3758.10 108,820.45

LENGTH OF SEWER UNDERDRAINS AND SEWERS IN STREETS — 1955

Street	Length of Underdrains				Total	Total Length Sewers and Under- drains
	5"	6"	8"	10"		
Arlington St.						399.80
Ash St.	237.00				258.80	1817.50
Bancroft Ave.						1439.29
Berkeley St.		456.00			456.00	1712.10
Bond St.						1032.65
Boyce St.						516.87
Brook St.		847.60			847.60	1695.20
Cape Cod Ave.						618.65
Center Ave.	620.60				620.60	1241.20
Chapin Ave.						529.00
Charles St.						920.00
Chute St.						593.13
Copeland Ave.						500.00
County Rd.						735.73
Crosby Rd.						309.30
Deering St.						107.00
Dudley St.						724.24
Eaton St.		1002.70	527.70		1530.40	3060.80
Echo Ave.		528.83			528.83	1075.06
Edwin St.						198.62
Elliott St.						489.00
Elm St.	383.28				383.28	766.56
Fairview Ave.		1084.30			1084.30	2168.60
Fremont St.		456.50			456.50	913.00
Gardner Rd.						475.00
Gilmore Ave.						181.80
Glen Rd.						602.00
Gould St.						469.09
Grand St.						767.35
Green St.	836.90	974.10			1811.00	4525.20
Hancock St.						1261.80
Harnden St.						559.30
Harrison St.						1387.50
Haven St.		588.20			588.20	2577.50
High St.		478.70	736.10		1214.80	3720.42
High School (Main)						6996.00
Hillcrest Rd.		450.40			450.40	1415.70
Howard St.		2550.00			2550.00	5178.00
Interceptors		2937.00			2937.00	5874.00

Length of Sewer Underdrains and Sewers in Streets 1955 — Continued

Street	Length of Underdrains				Total Length Sewers and Under- drains	
	5"	6"	8"	10"	Total	
Jere Rd. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	195.46
John St. ....	.....	748.10	.....	.....	748.10	2364.50
King St. ....	.....	175.00	.....	.....	175.00	1239.57
Kingston St.	609.30	110.00	.....	.....	719.30	1438.60
Lewis St. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	932.16
Lincoln St. ....	.....	.....	1111.50	.....	1111.50	2223.00
Linden St.	290.40	444.90	.....	.....	735.30	1962.20
Longview Rd. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	395.00
Lothrop Rd. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1274.52
Lowell St. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1519.26
Main St. ....	.....	1246.10	955.50	234.90	2436.50	4873.00
Maple St.	189.20	.....	.....	.....	189.20	378.40
Middle St. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	313.60
Middlesex Ave.	254.00	.....	.....	.....	254.00	1877.78
Mineral St. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1065.65
Minot St.	972.65	437.00	.....	.....	1409.65	2819.30
Morgan Park ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	312.49
Mt. Vernon St. ....	.....	230.30	.....	.....	230.30	1218.82
Nichols Rd. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	433.34
Oak St. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1802.00
Oak Ridge Rd. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	315.80
Orange St. ....	.....	1521.21	.....	.....	1521.21	3042.42
Orchard Pk. Drive ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	444.00
Park Ave.	507.30	.....	322.70	.....	830.00	1660.00
Parker St. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	427.00
Pearl St. ....	.....	855.55	.....	.....	855.55	2798.50
Pennsylvania Ave. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	628.00
Perkins Ave. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	400.00
Pierce St. ....	.....	155.20	.....	.....	155.20	405.30
Pine Ave.	226.00	.....	.....	.....	226.00	452.00
Pine Ridge Rd. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1035.15
Pleasant St. ....	.....	374.00	469.80	.....	843.80	3184.56
Pratt St.	252.20	303.30	.....	.....	555.50	1517.80
Prescott St.	1070.60	2091.80	.....	.....	3162.40	6865.76
Prospect St.	886.00	.....	.....	.....	886.00	2678.00
Rachel Rd. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	440.00
Salem St.	543.00	77.20	132.50	.....	752.70	1967.30
Sanborn St.	200.00	.....	.....	.....	200.00	916.30
School St. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	688.25
Scotland Rd. ....	.....	1401.73	.....	.....	1401.73	2803.46
Sigsbee Ave. ....	.....	320.51	.....	.....	320.51	641.02
Smith Ave. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	475.00
Spring St. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	393.50
Summer Ave. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4580.04
Sunnyside Ave.	432.60	222.00	.....	.....	654.60	1353.20
Sweetser Ave.	175.00	.....	.....	.....	175.00	509.30
Sylvan Rd. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	239.85
Temple St. ....	.....	40.00	.....	.....	40.00	2031.04
Thorndike St. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	204.00
Union St. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	303.60
Village St. ....	.....	825.00	.....	.....	825.00	2328.40
Virginia Rd. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	125.00
Vista Ave. ....	.....	288.00	.....	.....	288.00	588.00
Warren Ave.	715.00	.....	.....	.....	715.00	1430.00
Washington St. ....	.....	724.00	246.80	1663.20	2634.00	6092.90
Wenda St. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	300.00
West St. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1450.15
Wilson St. ....	.....	.....	804.50	.....	804.50	1609.00
Woburn St.	1196.00	.....	917.40	.....	2113.40	6998.45
Wood End Lane ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	229.45
	10,597.03	24,945.23	6224.50	2156.90	43,923.66	152,744.11

**LENGTH OF SEWER HOUSE CONNECTIONS RUN EITHER TO CURB,
HOUSE OR CONNECTED**

Street	Curb	House	Conn.	Total Length
Arlington St.			416.10	416.10
Ash St.			976.90	976.90
Bancroft Ave.			1,312.40	1,312.40
Berkeley St.			1,404.60	1,404.60
Boyce St.			352.70	352.70
Brook St.		85.50	759.00	844.50
Cape Cod Ave.			119.50	119.50
Center Ave.			425.00	425.00
Chapin Ave.			280.40	280.40
Charles St.			844.50	844.50
Chute St.			219.00	219.00
Copeland Ave.			506.00	506.00
County Rd.			279.80	279.80
Crosby Rd.			385.11	385.11
Deering St.			175.50	175.50
Dudley St.			674.90	674.90
Eaton St.			814.40	814.40
Echo Ave.			256.20	256.20
Edwin St.			265.00	265.00
Elliott St.			622.00	622.00
Elm St.			157.10	157.10
Fairview Ave.			736.10	736.10
Fremont St.			209.00	209.00
Fulton St.			44.00	44.00
Gardner Rd.			501.50	501.50
Gilmore Ave.			81.80	81.80
Glen Rd.			580.60	580.60
Gould St.			627.70	627.70
Grand St.			693.10	693.10
Green St.	36.00	173.00	2,427.21	2,636.21
Hancock St.			427.00	427.00
Harnden St.	32.00		257.80	289.80
Harrison St.			844.80	844.80
Haven St.	128.50	79.00	2,022.40	2,229.90
High St.	22.00		966.45	988.45
Hillcrest Rd.			631.80	631.80
Howard St.			2,306.10	2,306.10
Ide St.			56.50	56.50
Jere Rd.			309.00	309.00
John St.			1,527.30	1,527.30
King St.			812.10	812.10
Kingston St.			636.00	636.00
Lewis St.			555.70	555.70
Lincoln St.	44.00		370.00	414.00
Linden St.			849.60	849.60
Longview Rd.			255.00	255.00
Lowell St.			466.50	466.50
Lothrop Rd.			927.80	927.80

**Length of Sewer House Connections Run Either to Curb,
House or Connected — Continued**

Street	Curb	House	Conn.	Total Length
Main St.	252.50	99.00	2,674.25	3,025.75
Maple St.			135.60	135.60
Middle St.			80.50	80.50
Middlesex Ave.		96.50	1,366.20	1,462.70
Mineral St.			355.60	355.60
Minot St.		77.00	879.20	956.20
Morgan Pk.			87.60	87.60
Mt. Vernon St.			1,044.70	1,044.70
Nichols Rd.			158.00	158.00
Oak St.			706.40	706.40
Oak Ridge Rd.			82.50	82.50
Orange St.			363.60	363.60
Orchard Park Drive ...			515.84	515.84
Park Ave.			324.60	324.60
Parker St.			302.50	302.50
Pearl St.			1,234.90	1,234.90
Pennsylvania Ave.			56.50	56.50
Perkins Ave.			434.80	434.80
Pierce St.			110.20	110.20
Pine Ave.			46.00	46.00
Pine Ridge Rd.			98.20	98.20
Pleasant St.			1,899.30	1,899.30
Pratt St.			766.50	766.50
Prescott St.	28.00	97.40	3,447.30	3,572.70
Prospect St.			2,327.30	2,327.30
Rachel Rd.			446.80	446.80
Salem St.	102.20		1,536.40	1,638.60
Sanborn St.		98.00	945.90	1,043.90
School St.			523.00	523.00
Scotland Rd.			923.70	923.70
Smith Ave.			602.30	602.30
Spring St.			230.00	230.00
Summer Ave.		94.00	3,679.20	3,773.20
Sweetser Ave.	43.00		188.00	231.00
Sunnyside Ave.			64.00	64.00
Temple St.	154.20	173.00	1,405.10	1,732.30
Thorndike St.			61.20	61.20
Union St.		66.00	208.40	274.40
Village St.			1,155.40	1,155.40
Vista Ave.			191.10	191.10
Warren Ave.	19.40	68.00	638.60	726.00
Washington St.			2,742.40	2,742.40
Wenda St.			202.50	202.50
West St.			1,198.70	1,198.70
Wilson St.			612.30	612.30
Woburn St.	106.40	70.50	4,688.70	4,865.60
Wood End Lane			191.20	191.20
	<u>968.20</u>	<u>1,276.90</u>	<u>73,301.96</u>	<u>75,547.06</u>

SEWER HOUSE CONNECTIONS BY STREETS — 1955

Street	Poss. Conn.	Comp. Conn.	Per Cent Conn.	No Const. Started	Conn. To S/L	Revenue Charged 1955
Arlington St.	11	11	100	....	....	\$ 150.06
Ash St.	17	17	100	....	....	268.79
Bancroft Ave.	29	26	86	3	....	358.35
Beech St.	1	1	100	....	....	14.42
Belmont St.	1	0	0	1	....	—
Berkeley St.	27	27	100	....	....	309.29
Bond St.	23	0	0	23	....	—
Boyce St.	3	3	100	....	....	45.06
Brande Court	1	1	100	....	....	6.22
Brook St.	10	10	100	....	....	115.25
Cape Cod Ave.	4	3	75	1	....	43.05
Center Ave.	10	10	100	....	....	126.04
Chapin Ave.	9	7	77	2	....	77.74
Charles St.	14	13	92	1	....	131.30
Chute St.	8	4	50	4	....	46.37
Copeland Ave.	8	8	100	....	....	129.81
County Rd.	15	5	33	10	....	71.77
Crosby Rd.	7	7	100	....	....	108.96
Deering St.	4	3	75	1	....	40.37
Dudley St.	15	13	83	2	....	180.38
Eaton St.	10	10	100	....	....	96.19
Echo Ave.	6	4	66	2	....	64.40
Edwin St.	4	4	100	....	....	68.78
Elliott St.	11	11	100	....	....	109.92
Elm St.	4	4	100	....	....	64.97
Fairview Ave.	19	18	91	1	....	231.16
Fremont St.	4	4	100	....	....	64.91
Fulton St.	1	1	100	....	....	22.20
Gardner Rd.	10	10	100	....	....	155.08
Gilmore Ave.	4	4	100	....	....	55.24
Glen Rd.	10	10	100	....	....	127.54
Gould St.	9	9	100	....	....	102.76
Grand St.	14	11	79	3	....	141.62
Green St.	43	42	98	1	....	765.61
Hancock St.	14	7	50	7	....	55.28
Harnden St.	7	7	100	....	....	166.41
Harrison St.	19	16	84	3	....	171.49
Haven St.	47	45	96	2	....	1,294.70
High St.	25	19	72	6	....	260.24
Hillcrest Rd.	11	10	90	1	....	155.91
Howard St.	39	36	92	3	....	490.48

SEWER HOUSE CONNECTIONS BY STREETS — 1955

Street	Poss. Conn.	Comp. Conn.	Per Cent Conn.	No Const. Started	Conn. To S/L	Revenue Charged 1955
Ide St.	1	1	100	....	....	42.06
Jere Rd.	4	4	100	....	....	—
John St.	27	26	96	1	....	688.70
King St.	17	15	88	2	....	183.53
Kingston St.	15	15	100	....	....	153.27
Lewis St.	15	11	73	4	....	117.53
Lincoln St.	8	8	100	....	....	139.44
Linden St.	19	16	84	3	....	269.18
Longview Rd.	5	3	60	2	....	58.08
Lowell St.	18	6	66	12	....	91.63
Lothrop Rd.	17	11	64	1	5	—
Main St.	48	47	98	0	1	1,327.08
Maple St.	3	3	100	....	....	36.06
Middle St.	2	1	50	1	....	16.00
Middlesex Ave.	26	25	96	1	....	460.14
Mineral St.	15	7	46	8	....	81.67
Minot St.	21	21	100	....	....	329.30
Morgan Pk.	4	3	75	1	....	15.41
Mt. Vernon St.	25	23	92	2	....	254.09
Nichols Rd.	4	3	75	1	....	35.77
Oak St.	23	16	70	7	....	141.02
Oakland Rd. ....	....	....	....	....	....	119.20
Oak Ridge Rd.	6	1	14	5	....	—
Orange St.	14	7	50	7	....	85.02
Orchard Park Dr.	9	9	100	....	....	148.13
Park Ave.	9	9	100	....	....	92.47
Parker St.	7	7	100	....	....	74.54
Pearl St.	24	19	79	5	....	255.33
Pennsylvania Ave.	11	1	9	10	....	2.30
Perkins Ave.	7	7	100	....	....	129.08
Pierce St.	3	1	33	2	....	64.76
Pine Ave.	1	1	100	....	....	6.00
Pine Ridge Rd.	18	3	17	15	....	23.35
Pleasant St.	37	37	100	....	....	613.10
Pratt St.	13	11	93	2	....	129.35
Prescott St.	54	52	96	....	2	769.36
Prospect St.	28	25	85	3	....	356.94
Rachel Rd.	8	8	100	....	....	10.00

SEWER HOUSE CONNECTIONS BY STREETS — 1955

Street	Poss. Conn.	Comp. Conn.	Per Cent Conn.	No Const. Started	Conn. To S/L	Revenue Charged 1955
Salem St.	28	25	90	1	2	499.76
Sanborn St.	14	14	100	....	....	376.64
School St.	10	10	100	....	....	138.85
Scotland Rd.	26	18	70	8	....	259.75
Smith Ave.	16	16	100	....	....	245.39
Spring St.	7	5	71	2	....	60.07
Summer Ave.	76	54	71	22	....	884.24
Sunnyside Ave.	6	6	100	....	....	109.50
Sweetser Ave.	5	5	100	....	....	64.41
Sylvan Rd.	2	0	0	2	....	—
Temple St.	27	27	100	....	....	459.38
Thorndike St.	3	1	33	2	....	15.60
Union St.	4	4	100	....	....	67.45
Village St.	25	22	88	3	....	312.03
Virginia Rd.	2	1	50	1	....	18.14
Warren Ave.	17	17	100	....	....	218.89
Washington St.	62	54	87	8	....	702.58
Wenda St.	4	4	100	....	....	59.11
Wentworth Rd.	1	1	100	....	....	25.68
Wescroft Rd.	1	1	100	....	....	19.00
West St.	23	16	70	7	....	209.94
Woburn St.	86	77	90	1	8	1,316.98
Wood End Lane	5	4	80	1	....	41.83
TOTALS	1544	1296	84	230	18	\$20,312.03

**88th Annual Report of the
BOARD OF TRUSTEES and LIBRARIAN
READING PUBLIC LIBRARY**

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Expenditures

	1953	1954	1955
Salaries	\$ 11,835.00	\$ 12,846.00	\$ 13,831.03
Maintenance	5,923.00	7,041.00	7,738.57
Per Cent	1.3	1.3	1.3

This year has been a busy and most successful one with the circulation for the library passing the 100,000 mark. With the increased circulation there is an obvious need for the purchase of more books. The staff and custodian have continued to serve conscientiously and efficiently. The following report prepared by Miss Turner, Head Librarian, for the trustees, gives more detailed information on library operations.

SUMMARY OF THE LIBRARIAN'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES

There has been a very marked increase in adult borrowing this fall and it is with a deep sense of satisfaction that we have achieved circulation totaling 104,254. The circulation in the children's room is nearly half that of the adult room, and it would seem that next year more of our book budget should be spent for this department. The wear and tear is greater on these books than on adult's, the bindings are less durable, the rise in prices is greater and there is need of more duplication.

This year we have sent a good many books to the bindery, but have mended about twice that number in the library. One person working two days a week, six hours a day, can almost keep up with the books that need repairs from the adult and children's departments. Last year there were 2,031 books mended — this includes washing of all books, gluing the backs of some, putting new backs and corners on nearly all of them, and mending torn pages, — the latter takes considerable time for children's books especially.

It has been possible to go through a bequest of books that the library had received from the estate of Julia F. Spinney. We found that we could replace some of our worn copies with fresher ones of hers and about 175 of her books have been placed on the shelf. A good number of her books were kept with the idea of possibly forming a historical collection.

We received from Mr. Albert Sargent a number of books relating to various Civil War regiments, which augment those we have. He

also presented the library with the flag of the United States that had been used to drape the altar at meetings of Post #194 of Reading, Department of Massachusetts of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Through the year some very beautiful Memorial books have been presented to the library. We are very grateful for these.

The question of Library Hours still vexes the public, as daily telephone calls testify. The hours are printed on each borrower's card, but many people leave their cards on deposit in the library when they are not using them. Many of our new borrowers have moved to Reading from cities where the library hours are longer. The children would appreciate having the library open all day in vacation. I think that longer hours will not only increase the circulation, but will markedly improve our public relations.

My staff have given me fine consideration and co-operation during the past year. They all have a true interest in giving better library service.

I am grateful to my Board of Trustees for the continued and increasing efforts they are making to solve the problems of efficient library administration.

ANNA R. TURNER,

Head Librarian

Statistical Report

Books Purchased	1954	1955
Adult	1,249	1,093
Juvenile	509	634
Gifts	122	336
Withdrawn	196	1,268
Net Total	35,551	36,346

Circulation

Adult	63,192	67,848
Juvenile	30,543	32,150
Misc.	5,595	4,256
Total	99,330	104,254
New borrowers	894	978
Fines Received	\$ 1,333	\$1,440.85

NOTE: see the Accountant's Report for a breakdown of library expenses and a statement on trust funds.

RECREATION PROGRAM

As this is the first year your Recreation Committee has attempted to operate both a summer and winter program, this report will be in two parts.

Summer Program

Record attendance at all the parks this year once again has proven that this program is meeting with great approval. The Committee this year opened three more play areas on a part-time basis, not only to care for the increase in attendance, but also to afford greater supervision for the smaller children in the respective localities. The three playgrounds opened were the Highland, Prospect, and Lowell Street Schools.

Two new major activities were added to the program: Archery and Basketball. As in past years, the program consisted of play days with other towns, beach trips, tennis, baseball and softball leagues. The interest in tennis continues to increase, and as a result more time was spent in tennis instruction. The program also featured special days, such as 4th of July Carnival, Boston Children's Theater Group, Davey Crockett Day, Bathing Beauty and Pet Show Day, and the Grand Finale Carnival at Birch Meadow.

The Arts and Crafts Program was extremely well accepted. The increase in attendance required the need of giving the Arts and Crafts Director assistance so that all the children might have at least some instruction in this area. This particular phase of the playground activities will be increased next year by additional help so that the children may all be cared for.

The Swimming Program is hampered by the lack of bathing facilities. At the present time we have but two wading pools available for the seven play areas. In order that all children in the Recreational Program might participate in swimming activities, it necessitated the transportation of the children of the parks without wading pools to either Washington Street or Birch Meadow. The Committee has recommended to the Board of Public Works that they build a wading pool at the Memorial Park in 1956, and, if possible, a wading pool at the Eaton Park in 1957. If wading pools are made available in these new areas, it will be possible for swimming instruction to be included in the program.

It is the hope of the Recreation Committee that when the report of the Special Committee for School Sites and Recreational Sites, appointed by the Town at its adjourned annual Town Meeting April 4, 1955, has been received that it may be able to have new areas in several other sections of the town. The Recreation Committee is very anxious to have a play area in the vicinity of Haverhill and Franklin Streets. There are a great many children in this area who are unable to avail themselves of the Recreational Program due to the transportation problem.

The staff is made up of school teachers and college students, with the exception of the two pool attendants. The majority of the staff has had at least one or more years' of experience in playground work.

Winter Program

This year the Recreation Committee is starting to develop a winter program. It was hoped that a basketball league might be formed, but due to the cost of janitorial service for the gymnasium this program has been omitted.

The winter program of the Recreation Committee at the present time consists of the supervision of all skating areas. The town has available three areas at this time: Sturges (illuminated at night), Birch Meadow, and Memorial Park. Mr. Vern Schurman has also made available to the Recreation Committee the skating area on his property located at Haverhill Street.

One of the handicaps encountered by your Committee is the lack of a hockey rink. The rink that has been used at Sturges in prior years was not erected by the Park Commission this winter. It is hoped next year's winter program will not only consist of skating but a hockey league, a bowling league and possibly a basketball league.

We appreciate the help and support given to the Recreation Committee by the various other committees in Town, and also the Reading Chronicle for its coverage of the playground activities.

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT CHISHOLM
LEE DONLEY
LAWRENCE DREW
RICHARD GALE

ROBERT E. TURNER, Chairman
NEWELL H. MORTON
SUMNER TEEL
WILLIAM WILLSON, JR.
DOMENICK ZANNI

Recreation Committee

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
Town of Reading, Massachusetts
Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my report as Inspector of Animals for the year January 1, 1955 to January 1, 1956.

Fifty-eight dogs and one cat were quarantined for biting or scratching people, a drop of about 33 per cent over last year and a drop of about 20 per cent over the previous year.

Two dogs heads were submitted to the Wasserman Laboratory for the examination of Rabies, laboratory reports being negative for both, with the final animal inoculation report pending on the second head.

The annual inspection of all barns housing livestock, and the livestock in the town was conducted by request of the Division of Livestock Disease Control, disclosing there to be in the town, 51 neat cattle, 35 pigs, a drop of 50%, 16 horses, a drop of 40%, 90 sheep and 8 goats. No Contagious Infectious diseases were noted.

Very truly yours,

GARDINER A. LESTER, DVM
Inspector of Animals

SIXTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD

for the year ended

December 31, 1955

MANAGER'S REPORT

To the Municipal Light Board

Gentlemen:

The unprecedented expansion and growth in the electrical industry by no means left the department problem free for the year 1955. The continuation of the vigorous home building program in our area coupled to the unusual customer demand for our service presented many very difficult problems.

Following is a brief account of the highlights of 1955 operations:

PEAK LOAD: 16774 Kilowatts. The peak demand again occurred on December 21, 1955 at 6:00 P.M. with a 25 percent increase over the 13394 kilowatt demand of 1954, an unusual figure. This increase presents to the department itself one of the most crucial problems in its history: namely, serving this load in 1956.

This demand is the basis for a sharply-expanded budget needed to assure adequate capacity to meet customers' needs in the ensuing years.

CUSTOMERS: 11,488. Service was extended to 771 new customers, a 43.6 percent increase over last year.

There were 206 new services installed in Reading as against 565 for the outside towns, a 2.5 to 1.0 ratio. This is a reversal of proportions which existed in 1945, i.e.: Reading services exceeded the outside towns for 1945 by 236 new services.

ENERGY PURCHASED: 49,402,413 Kilowatt Hours. Again the cost of incoming electricity purchased at our Ash Street station decreased, which reflects an increase in the use of electricity during "off-peak" hours, i.e.: more customer use during the daytime and late night hours. The average cost per kilowatt hour was 1.535 cents for 1955 as against 1.546 cents in 1954, and 1.594 cents in 1952.

ENERGY SOLD: 43,796,722 Kilowatt Hours. This was an increase of 5,711,658 kilowatt hours over previous year, marking a new annual high in electric sales. This is the highest annual gain in the department's record. The national average home consumption of 2728 kilowatt hours for 12 months ended November 30, 1955 was surpassed by our figure of 2856 kilowatt hours.

OPERATING REVENUES: \$1,297,078.49. The trend of more electricity per dollar continued this year. The average revenue per kilowatt hour declined to 2.96 from 2.99 cents for the year 1954. This is accountable to the fact of more electricity used in the lower rate steps.

ADDITIONS TO PLANT: \$170,928.37. The construction requirements to keep pace with customers' demand for our service is reflected in the fact that our cost of plant increased from \$1.3 million to \$2.6 million since the past war boom. Percentage-wise, this compares favorably with

the 100 percent for new construction incurred by the electric industry as a whole.

The installation of an additional 13,800 volt cable line to North Reading was started in the latter part of the year and scheduled for completion early in 1956. This is to take care of the increase of growth in North Reading of 18.9 percent over 1954. This will also strengthen our Reading circuits considerably at the same time. This reflects a substantial savings in that an added load in two areas can be taken care of by one move, at a portion of the over-all expense if two projects were required.

A temporary Regulating station was installed in Lynnfield Center to more adequately serve the load in that area, pending the installation of more adequate feeders to this area and again strengthening our Reading services at the same time.

Extensions and enlargements of the distribution facilities to new and existing connections required expenditures of \$163,000 for 2330 K.V.A. of net additional installed line transformer capacity, 934 new meters, poles, conductors and for new street lighting installations.

Acknowledgement and appreciation is accorded to the members of the Municipal Light Board for the time, interest and efforts they have devoted to the conduct and guidance of this department's activities and to the co-operation received from other Boards and Town Departments.

Acknowledgement is also made of the retirement on October 14, 1955 of Clarence L. Thomas who had served the Department for 35 years and as Manager since 1946.

In accordance with the provisions of Section 57, Chapter 164 of the General Laws, I submit herewith my estimate of income and expenses of the plant for the year ending December 31, 1956.

ESTIMATED INCOME AND EXPENSES FOR 1956

INCOME:

From Private Consumers	\$1,421,382.22
From Tax Levy—	
For Street Lights	17,000.00
For Municipal Buildings	20,711.21
From Miscellaneous Income	1,500.00
Mdse. and Jobbing	6,000.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$1,466,593.43

EXPENSES:

Production	898,542.04
Distribution	164,473.10
Utilization	17,300.00
Commercial	54,095.61
New Business	200.00

General and Miscellaneous	75,213.82
Depreciation	130,908.08
Bond and Note Payments	39,000.00
Interest on Bonds and Notes	16,410.25
Uncollectible Operating Revenue	1,800.00
Taxes — Outside Towns	25,000.00
Interest on Consumers Deposits	250.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,423,192.90

Excess — Income over Expenses	\$ 43,400.53
K.W.H. Purchased	56,724,522
K.W.H. Sold	52,248,768
K.W.H. for Reading Street Lights	580,000
Expense per K.W.H. Sold	2.7238c
Cost of Street Lights	\$ 15,798.04
Appropriation for Street Lights	\$ 17,000.00

A summary of Income and Expenses, Total Cost of Plant, together with the statement of Assets and Liabilities, the Profit and Loss Account, and the Auditor's Certificate is appended herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

GILBERT W. STANFORD, Manager

CHARLES E. STANWOOD & COMPANY

Accountants and Auditors

16 Court Street

Boston, Massachusetts

January 31, 1956

To The Municipal Light Board
Town of Reading
Reading, Massachusetts

We have examined the accompanying balance sheet of the Municipal Light Department of the Town of Reading, Massachusetts as at December 31, 1955 and the related statements of income and profit and loss for the year then ended. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and included such tests of the accounting records and other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, the accompanying balance sheet and statements of income and profit and loss present fairly the financial position of the Municipal Light Department as at December 31, 1955 and the result of its operations for the year then ended, in conformity with the "Uniform System of Accounts for Municipal Lighting Plants" as prescribed by the Department of Public Utilities of Massachusetts.

CHARLES E. STANWOOD & COMPANY

REPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD

The report of the Manager as submitted by him with certificate of the auditor is hereby approved by the Municipal Light Board and constitutes its report to the Town.

ALFRED H. DOLBEN
PHILLIP G. WILLCOX
WINFRED F. SPURR
Municipal Light Board

TOTAL COST OF PLANT

as of December 31, 1955

Cost of Electric Plant:—

Cost of Land — 226 Ash St.	\$ 2,575.80
25 Haven St.	7,459.46
Wildwood St., Wilmington	700.00
Haverhill St., North Reading	3,219.19
Cost of Structures — 226 Ash St.	66,848.87
25 Haven St.	28,093.90
Cost of Transformer Station and Substation Equipment	455,185.73
Cost of Poles, Fixtures and Overhead Conductors	1,186,277.93
Cost of Underground Conduits	138,715.64
Cost of Underground Conductors	275,502.14
Cost of Consumers Meters	147,150.04
Cost of Consumers Meter Installations	41,833.85
Cost of Line Transformers	188,766.94
Cost of Line Transformer Installations	10,941.93
Cost of Street Lighting Equipment	78,844.70
Total Cost of Electric Plant	\$2,632,116.17
Cost of General Equipment	32,508.58
Total Cost of Plant and General Equipment	\$2,664,624.75

SUMMARY OF INCOME AND EXPENSES

for the year ending December 31, 1955

REVENUES:

Residence Service	\$ 959,818.25
Commercial Service	181,753.07
Primary Power — Wholesale	88,625.73
Welding Service	244.05
Municipal Service	21,374.04
Sales to Private Companies and Municipal Plants	3,940.12
Street Lighting Service	41,323.23
Miscellaneous Income	8,824.38
Total Revenues	\$1,305,902.87

EXPENSES:

Production Expenses	\$ 758,198.54
Distribution Exepnses	152,161.10
Utilization Expenses	16,777.83
Commercial Expenses	45,215.01
New Business Expenses	271.29
General Expenses	57,401.77
Depreciation Expenses	122,512.97
Interest on Bonds and Notes	6,162.63
Taxes — Personal Property Outside Towns	21,959.44
Uncollectible Operating Revenues	1,756.13
Interest on Consumers Deposits	430.26
Retirement Pensions	7,937.15
Bonds and Notes Paid	30,000.00
Total Expenses	\$1,220,784.12
Excess of Revenues over Expenses	\$ 85,118.75
Transfer to Town Treasurer	74,894.36
Net Increase of Profit and Loss Surplus	10,224.39

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

as of December 31, 1955

FIXED ASSETS:

Land	\$ 13,954.45
Structures	48,231.36
Trans. Sta. and Substa. Equipment	285,507.22
Poles, Fixtures and Overhead Cond.	578,725.90
Underground Conduits	82,660.51
Underground Conductors	181,566.09
Consumers Meters	77,302.28
Consumers Meter Installations	17,671.58
Line Transformers	131,128.89
Line Transformer Installations	5,381.79
Street Lighting Equipment	9,608.40
General Equipment	32,508.58
Unfinished Construction	69,231.91
Total Fixed Assets	\$1,533,478.96

CURRENT ASSETS:

Special Construction Fund	\$ 54,758.09
Construction Fund	48,459.72
Depreciation Fund	54,098.74
Petty Cash	400.00
Consumers Deposit Fund	7,449.00
Accounts Receivable	182,187.17
Materials and Supplies	96,400.69
Total Current Assets	\$ 443,753.41
Prepaid Insurance	3,979.14
Totals	\$1,981,211.51

LIABILITIES:

Notes Payable	\$ 54,000.00
Bonds Payable	363,000.00
Accounts Payable	91,355.63
Consumers Deposits	7,449.00
Interest Accrued	2,212.61
Loans Repayment	739,578.26
Total Liabilities	\$1,257,595.50
Profit and Loss	723,616.01
Totals	\$1,981,211.51

NOTE: A contingent liability in the amount of \$10,883.99 existed as of December 31, 1955 on account of leases received from installment sales of electrical appliances and which were discounted with the Middlesex County National Bank of Reading.

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT**as of December 31, 1955**

Balance January 1, 1955	\$ 714,901.81
Net Income — before Bond Payments	115,118.75
Miscellaneous Credits	300.00
Total Credits	\$ 115,418.75
Bonds and Notes Paid	30,000.00
Transferred to General Funds of the Town	74,894.36
Miscellaneous Debits	1,810.19
Total Debits	106,704.55
Balance December 31, 1955	\$ 723,616.01

REPORT OF THE FOREST WARDEN AND THE SUPERINTENDENT OF FIRE ALARM

January 15, 1956

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:
Gentlemen:

The 1955 report of the Fire Chief, Forest Warden and Superintendent of Fire Alarm is hereby submitted.

Manual Force. The permanent force consists of twenty men including the Chief, Deputy Chief, Captain, and two Lieutenants. There are thirteen full time call firemen and five half time call firemen and a Dispatcher on call. There are 30 active members of the Auxiliary Fire Service. Three men attended the Oil Heat Institute's course in Oil Burners during 1955 at no expense to the town. One man attended a Fire Prevention Law course at M.I.T. and 15 men voluntarily completed a Standard Red Cross First Aid Course given at the station by a qualified instructor. Permanent fireman George F. Fogg was retired from the department on October 31, 1955 for an accidental disability.

Apparatus. Located at the Central Station are: Ladder 1, a Seagrave 65 ft. Junior Aerial Ladder Truck; Engine 1, a 1000 gal. per min. Seagrave Pumping Engine; Engine 2, a 400 gal. per min. Seagrave Pumping Engine in reserve; Engine 4, a 500 gal. per min. Chevrolet front end pumping engine that also has a 100 gal. per min. portable pump, and is used for brush and grass fires; Engine 6, a 750 gal. per min. Seagrave Pumping Engine; Engines 7 and 8 are 500 gal. per min. Auxiliary Trailer Pumps; Engine 9, a one ton Chevrolet utility truck with a 250 gal. per min. front end pump; a two wheel hose trailer; and a Chevrolet Sedan Chief's Car. Located at Station #2 on Woburn Street are: Engine 3, a 600 gal. per min. Seagrave Pumping Engine; Engine 5, a Chevrolet with a 400 gal. per min. front end pump, manned by the Auxiliary Fire Service. One walkie-talkie 2 way radio was given to the department this year by a citizen of the town, and has been placed in service on Engine 3. New tires were placed on Engines 1 and 5. Routine maintenance of the apparatus was carried on throughout the year as necessary.

Service Record. The department responded to 135 bell alarms, 14 of which were false; 11 verbal calls; 33 radio calls; 217 telephone calls; 217 service calls — a total for 1955 of 613. Mutual Aid was furnished to other communities 51 times and other departments responded to Reading under Mutual Aid 16 times. Included in the total calls are 91 for building fires, 30 for dump and rubbish fires, 138 for grass and brush fires, 21 automobile fires, 15 automobile accidents, 4 other accidents, 11 calls for the resucitator, 3 calls for oxygen, 15 calls to assist the police department. Apparatus travelled a total of 16,456 miles during the year. 26 firefighters received minor injuries and 3 civilians were injured, one with very serious burns. The fire loss for 1955 on property endangered, valued at \$432,872.22 was \$42,034.09 an increase of \$32,899.64 over last

year. Of the loss, \$37,436.60 was covered by insurance, making the uninsured loss \$4597.49. The following equipment, was used: 20 CO₂, 1 Soda Acid, and 3 Dry Powder Extinguishers; 252 booster tanks of water; 36,450 ft. of $\frac{3}{4}$ inch booster hose; 9,600 ft. 1½ inch hose; 16,950 ft. 2½ inch hose; 1691 ft. ladders raised including the aerial ladder 17 times. 30 waterproof salvage covers were spread; smoke ejectors used 21 times; engines pumped 11 hours. During the August hurricane all men not on vacation reported to the station and assisted with the pumping of cellars. Engine 8 Trailer Pump was sent to the City of Medford to assist with the water situation there after the hurricane, and pumped for two days. Engine 7 Trailer Pump was sent to the Wilmington Dump on June 21st to assist with a dump fire that burned for a week. The engine pumped over 100 hours and used part of the 840 gallons of gasoline and 731 man hours necessary to run pumps and extinguish this fire. Salaries and gasoline were paid for by Wilmington.

Fire Prevention. Lecturing was done at all of the elementary schools during fire prevention week. The annual awards for the fire prevention essay contest conducted by the Auxiliary Fire Service were presented by the Chief at the Junior High School. 307 Power oil burner inspections made and permits issued for storage of fuel oil, and 14 inspections made of range burners installed and storage for same. 38 Liquified Petroleum Gas installations were inspected, also permits issued for storage of bottled gas. 63 permits were issued for blasting operations. 3 permits for storage of Class A fluids. 1 permit for removal of a gasoline tank. Several inspections were made of new gasoline tank locations. Men of this department were on one occasion hampered in their efforts to extinguish a fire at the Town Dump as some thoughtless citizen had placed live ammunition, including 2 hand grenades, in the dumping area. Other citizens were in grave danger as this ammunition was exploding from the heat of the dump fire. Other numerous inspections were made as requested or on complaint. 1644 permits were issued for fires in the open air and several times during dry periods no permits of this nature were issued.

Fire Stations. Minor repairs were made as necessary to the Woburn Street Station. This station was erected in 1874 to house a hand drawn engine and at present houses 2 motor propelled engines but no permanent firemen. This station should be replaced in 1956, and provisions made for permanent men to be assigned there. With 2 churches, 4 schools, a convent, and 5 large rest homes located west of the railroad, a very serious condition exists when apparatus from the central fire station is held up at the railroad crossings. At the central fire station the living room of the 2nd floor was tiled, the interior of the 1st floor was painted, the work being done in both cases by the permanent men. An outside drainpipe was relocated to keep water from coming in the fire alarm battery room and the inside floor drains were changed to improve the draining from the apparatus floor.

Fire Alarm. Underground conduit was laid outside the central fire station and on Haven Street near Village. A pedestal base was set

here. New fire alarm boxes were placed at boxes 63, 68, 15, and 54. Boxes 63 and 68 were of the older type and replaced with the new type box. Boxes 15 and 54 were demolished when hit by automobiles. Box 53 was also hit by an automobile, but only the outside shell needed replacement. As relocation of poles requires relocating fire alarm boxes, an effort is being made to replace the key type door with the T handle door that opens much easier. Box 21 was moved across Lincoln St. to the corner of Fulton St. Overhead construction has been maintained and tree insulating done where necessary on the system. Overhead wires have been extended on Haverhill Street at the Franklin Street end, at the Bay State Road end, and from Charles to Wakefield Streets. On Pine Ridge Road to Sylvan Road an extension of the wires was made and 1 tapper connected. The valve of the fire whistle has been replaced and is more satisfactory.

Recommendations. It is recommended that the Woburn Street Station be replaced in 1956 and that the permanent force be increased. Two way radios should be purchased until all apparatus is so equipped.

It is felt that a base radio transmitting station should be installed at the Central Fire Station to eliminate confusion with the police transmitter and assure more efficient service and movement of apparatus. It is also recommended that a gasoline driven electric generator be installed to supply fire and police stations during failure of electric current. Several dead end water mains should be connected and as new mains are laid, they should be larger than 6 inch to improve the water supply for fire fighting. An emergency telephone line should be installed at both fire stations for fire calls only, as delays have happened when the phone was being used for business purposes. Electric motors to open and close the central station overhead doors should be installed as these doors are very difficult to open by hand and remain open at times for very long periods when the apparatus is at a fire.

Conclusion. I wish to thank your honorable board for the usual co-operation received, the members of the department and Auxiliary Fire Service for faithful service. I wish also to thank the operators at the telephone exchange for efficient handling of our emergency calls, the Red Cross Motor Service and canteen, and other town departments and citizens who have assisted this department.

Respectfully submitted,

HUGH L. EAMES

Hugh L. Eames, Chief of the Fire Department
Forest Warden, and Supt. of Fire Alarm

REPORT OF WELFARE AGENT

To the members of the Bureau of Old Age Assistance and Board of Public Welfare and Citizens of the Town of Reading, the following report of activities, expenditures, and reimbursements for year ending December 31 is respectively submitted.

Members of the Bureau of Old Age Assistance Board of Public Welfare:

Newell H. Morton, Chairman
Daniel L. Chamberlain
Donald C. McKie

Staff Members of the Welfare Office:

Quincy B. Park, Agent
Gladys M. Wilson, Social Worker
Virginia C. Smith, Social Worker
Anne A. Bleau, Senior Clerk
Patricia E. Evans, Clerk-typist
Elsie M. Kriehn, Clerk-typist

During the past year a total of 73 applications for aid were received and processed by the Welfare and Old Age Assistance Office. A total of 66 applications were approved after investigation by Social Workers or Agent had been made, and eligibility for need was determined. A more detailed report is furnished under appropriate categorical headings which follow:

Old Age Assistance

	1954	1955
Case load (Monthly Average)	211	199.9

Expended

Cash Grants	\$142,742.75	\$119,064.08
Material Grants	54,879.46	81,383.75
Payments to other cities and towns	4,259.42	3,743.08
Total	<u>\$201,881.63</u>	<u>\$204,190.91</u>

Above comparison of expenditures for 1954 and 1955 indicates a considerable decrease in the cash assistance payments to Old Age Assistance clients. Material grants (medical payments) show a substantial increase totalling \$26,504.29.

A large percentage of this increased expenditure was paid for nursing and convalescent homes for 20.1% of present case load requiring this type of care. Increased hospital per diem rates and expensive medication are also a resultant factor in this increased expense.

All geriatric authorities appear in agreement that medical expenditures in this category of assistance will continue to show increases. It is expected expenditures will be offset to some degree by a smaller number of persons requiring assistance due to increased resources, such as social security and pension payments.

Aid to Dependent Children

Case load for 1954 (monthly average)	16	cases for 49 persons
Case load for 1955 (monthly average)	14.9	cases for 43 persons

Expended

	1954	1955
Cash payments	\$ 22,702.43	\$ 20,171.10
Material grants	2,782.04	1,643.80
Total	\$ 25,484.47	\$ 21,814.90

Ten applications for aid from this category of assistance were processed. Two were reapplications. Two were transfers from other communities. Six were cases not aided previously.

Total expenditures for year was \$3,669.57 less that were required for 1954.

Disability Assistance

Case load (monthly average) 1954	11	cases
Case load (monthly average) 1955	13	cases

Expended

	1954	1955
Cash grants	\$ 8,438.50	\$ 9,217.95
Material grants	2,000.70	2,493.07
Board (including payments to nursing homes)	none	1,143.00
State Institutions	256.78	840.22
Total	\$ 10,695.98	\$ 13,694.24

This category of assistance is available to persons in need who are adjudged to be either permanently or temporarily disabled. The Town is reimbursed at 75% of expenditures. Medical expenses, nursing home, and state institutional care are expected to be higher in this category of assistance due to disabling factor of clients eligible for this type of assistance. Nine applications were received for this category of assistance. Two were denied due to ineligibility. Seven were approved and assistance granted.

Average monthly payment to each recipient were increased from \$74.48 as paid in 1954, to \$87.10 as paid in 1955.

General Relief

Case load for 1954 (monthly average)	41	for assistance to 103 persons
Case load for 1955 (monthly average)	35	for assistance to 87 persons

Expended

	1954	1955
Cash payments	\$ 14,050.45	\$ 10,867.85
Material grants and burials	1,912.04	1,691.35
Nursing Homes	780.00	780.00
State Institutions	493.84	833.83
Division of Child Guardianship	22.49	none
Payments to other cities and towns	6,473.57	6,336.10
Total	\$ 23,732.39	\$ 20,609.13

A decrease in expenditures over previous year's figure is shown in the amount of \$3,123.26. Undoubtedly, this is due to excellent economic conditions during the past year with resultant labor shortages.

This category of assistance is available to those in need who are unable to qualify for aid under regulations of other assistance programs.

During the past year, twelve applications for this category of assistance were received. Two were denied and the remaining ten were approved and assistance granted. This number included burial of two indigent persons who died in this Town.

Average monthly payments per case for 1954 was \$74.02. Average monthly payments per case increased only slightly to \$75.18 during 1955.

Reimbursements to Town Treasurer Old Age Assistance

Source	Amount	Account Credited
State Reimbursement	\$ 90,661.90	Surplus Revenue
Other cities and towns	4,012.54	Surplus Revenue
Federal Grants	74,914.72	O.A.A.

Aid to Dependent Children

Source	Amount	Account Credited
State Reimbursement	\$ 7,452.74	Surplus Revenue
Federal Grants	10,178.15	A.D.C. Account

Disability Assistance

Source	Amount	Account Credited
State Reimbursement	\$ 4,598.32	Surplus Revenue
Federal Grants	5,020.14	D.A. Account

General Relief

Source	Amount	Account Credited
State Reimbursement	\$ 4,033.93	Surplus Revenue
Other cities and towns	2,366.97	Surplus Revenue

Summary

State reimbursement for all categories of assistance credited to Surplus Revenue Account	\$106,746.89
Reimbursement from other cities and towns credited to Surplus Revenue	6,379.51
Total	\$113,126.40
Federal reimbursement credited to assistance account	\$ 90,113.01

The entire office staff wishes to express their appreciation at this time for courtesies and interest shown by Members of the Bureau of Old Age Assistance and Board of Public Welfare during the past year. Appreciation is also extended to clients and relatives of those assisted for their cooperation and understanding of complicated regulations and requirements as administered by staff of this office.

Respectfully submitted,

QUINCY B. PARK,
Welfare Agent and Director of Old Age Assistance

REPORT OF THE SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Reading, Mass., Jan. 11, 1956

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen,
Town of Reading, Mass.
Gentlemen:

The following is a summary of the work completed by The Department of Weights and Measures for the year 1955.

	Adjusted	Sealed	Condemned
Scales tested and sealed, over 10,000 lbs.	1	2	
Scales tested and sealed, 100 to 5,000 lbs.	2	6	
Scales tested and sealed, under 100 lbs.	10	34	
Weights	28		
Gasoline Pumps	14	58	1
Yardsticks	8		
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	27	136	1

Trial Weighings and Measurements of Commodities

sold or put up for sale	No. Tested	No. Correct	Under	Over
Bread	20	14	2	4
Butter	10	10		
Dry Commodities	35	33	1	1
Grain and Feed	10	9	0	1
Meats and Provisions	10	8	2	0
Flour	6	4	2	0
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	91	78	7	6

Summary of Inspections

Paper and fibre cartons	2
Clinical thermometers	2
Markings of bread	4
Food packages	2
Retests of gasoline pumps after sealing	2

The total receipts for the department were \$94.60.

Respectfully submitted,

CARL M. SMITH, Sealer

REPORT OF THE DOG OFFICER

December 31, 1955

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
Town of Reading, Mass.
Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my report as Dog Officer for the year 1955.

I have canvassed the town to see that all dogs have been licensed.
All complaints have been investigated.

For the year ending December 31, 1955 there were 57 unlicensed dogs caught.

42 dogs were disposed of for the county.

10 dogs were reclaimed by owners.

6 dogs were sold for the county.

Dead animals picked up off the street for the Board of Health and disposed of were 95.

At this time I wish to thank the Police Department and all others who gave me assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM H. DEWSNAP

Dog Officer

REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN

To the Citizens of Reading:

I submit my report as Tree Warden for 1955.

The department planted one hundred and eighty-five trees. One hundred and forty-one Sugar Maples, forty-three Norway Maples and one Pin Oak. The majority of these trees were planted on private property adjacent to the sidewalk. This is better for the root system and it also allows the top to grow with a minimum of interference with the electric light and telephone wires.

It was necessary to remove seventy-four trees from the roadside. Two were removed after hearings to clear driveways, fifteen were destroyed by gas leaks and most of the remaining fifty-seven were removed because of hurricane damage. In addition, thirty diseased Elms were removed from the roadside by the Moth Department under the Dutch Elm Disease program.

The Board of Public Works removed many of these stumps with their gas shovel. This method is not only much faster and cheaper, but it also does a more thorough job on the root system.

I take this opportunity to thank the Board of Public Works and all other town departments who have assisted me in the past year. I also wish to express my appreciation to the men of this department.

Respectfully submitted,

MAURICE H. DONEGAN, Tree Warden

REPORT OF THE MOTH SUPERINTENDENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen

Gentlemen:

I submit my report as Moth Superintendent for 1955.

There does not appear to be a heavy infestation of Gypsy Moth in any part of the town. Spraying with D.D.T. is very successful in the control of this pest.

During the week of May 7th, all the Elm trees on town property were given a dormant spray by the Helicopter. This spray is to assist in the control of Dutch Elm Disease. Approximately three hundred Elms were checked for this disease. Cuttings from two hundred and five of these trees were sent to the University of Massachusetts Shade Tree Laboratory at Amherst to be cultured. One hundred and thirty-one were certified as having the disease. Thirty of these diseased trees were on the roadside, one on the Library property, one in Memorial Park, three on the State Highway and the remaining ninety-six trees were on private property. All but twelve of these trees have been removed and burned.

The Japanese Beetle continues to increase throughout the town. Spraying with a strong solution of Clordane or D.D.T. will control the beetles for a few days. The University of Massachusetts, through its County Services, is endeavoring to interest Garden Clubs and other groups in the distribution of Milky Disease spores. This disease attacks the Japanese Beetle grubs.

Respectfully submitted,

MAURICE H. DONEGAN,

Moth Superintendent

**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS
for the Year 1955
Valuation**

Real Estate		
Land, exclusive of buildings	\$ 4,501,375.00	
Buildings, exclusive of land	24,598,355.00	
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Total Value of Real Estate		\$29,099,730.00
Personal Property		
Stock in Trade	162,789.00	
Machinery	90,408.00	
Live Stock	16,382.00	
All Other	1,016,326.00	
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Total Value of Personal Property ...		1,285,905.00
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Total Value of all Property		30,385,635.00
Amount Appropriated for Town Purposes	2,729,683.72	
Amount to be paid for State & County		
Taxes	100,536.81	
Amount of Overlay	58,396.07	
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	2,888,616.60	
Less Estimated Receipts	\$ 853,461.66	
Excise Tax	143,000.00	
Over Estimate 1954	2,434.88	
Available Funds	253,880.41	1,252,776.95
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Net Amount to be raised on		
Polls and Property	1,635,839.65	
Tax Rate for 1955	\$53.50	
Actual Commitments for 1955		
Real Estate Tax		\$ 1,556,926.81*
Personal Property Tax		68,797.10
Polls		10,206.00*
Excise		180,008.31
Moth		746.68
Sidewalk and Curbing		2,032.30
House Connections		2,248.51
Sewer Frontage		3,640.02
Highway		12,831.56
Water Liens		1,966.86
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		1,839,404.15

*Includes additional commitments since Tax Rate Date

Real Estate — \$84.26
Polls — 6.00

Respectfully submitted,
HAROLD B. CURRELL
RALPH T. HORN
WILLIAM T. FAIRCLOUGH
Board of Assessors

REPORT OF COLLECTOR OF TAXES
For the Year ended December 31, 1955

Taxes and Assessments 1953

Uncollected December 31, 1954	\$	6,956.43		
Interest and Costs Collected		460.67		
Paid Treasurer			\$	7,271.17
Abatements				16.00
Uncollected December 31, 195500
Tax Takings				129.93
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	\$	7,417.10	\$	7,417.10

Taxes and Assessments 1954

Uncollected December 31, 1954	\$	61,533.23		
Committed 1955		3,188.13		
Refunds		1,136.75		
Interests and Costs Collected		944.71		
Paid Treasurer			\$	54,361.58
Abatements				4,194.15
Tax Takings				97.07
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Uncollected December 31, 1955				8,150.02
	\$	66,802.82	\$	66,802.82

Taxes and Assessments 1955

General Tax Warrant	\$1,839,404.15			
Refunds	12,437.81			
Interest and Costs Collected	569.47			
Paid Treasurer			\$1,739,407.82	
Abatements			52,445.78	
Tax Takings			731.75	
Uncollected December 31, 1955			59,826.08	
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	\$1,852,411.43	\$1,852,411.43		

Sewer Rentals

Uncollected December 31, 1954	\$	2,014.12		
Committed 1955		20,516.35		
Refunds		15.35		
Interest and Costs Collected		158.40		
Paid Treasurer			\$	20,032.69
Abatements				62.68
Uncollected December 31, 1955				2,608.85
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	\$	22,704.22	\$	22,704.22

Highway Betterment

Uncollected December 31, 1954	\$	7,269.20		
Committed 1955		17,282.70		
Betterment Apportioned			\$	7,269.20
Uncollected December 31, 1955				17,282.70
	\$	24,551.90	\$	24,551.90
Advance Payment Apportioned Highway	\$	2,016.34		
Interest Collected		4.21		
Paid Treasurer			\$	2,020.55
	\$	26,572.45	\$	26,572.45

Sidewalk Betterment

Uncollected December 31, 1954	\$	3,092.48		
Committed 1955		2,289.80		
Interest Collected .....		.36		
Paid Treasurer			\$	783.78
Abatement				37.50
Betterment Apportioned				2,271.56
Uncollected December 31, 1955				2,289.80
	\$	5,382.64	\$	5,382.64
Advance Payment Apportioned Sidewalk	\$	374.05		
Interest Collected .....		.86		
Paid Treasurer			\$	374.91
	\$	5,757.55	\$	5,757.55

Sewer Betterment

Uncollected December 31, 1954	\$	4,840.73		
Committed 1955		12,594.87		
Paid Treasurer			\$	1,021.12
Abatement				25.75
Betterment Apportioned				3,793.86
Uncollected December 31, 1955				12,594.87
	\$	17,435.60	\$	17,435.60
Advance Payment Apportioned Sewer	\$	903.27		
Interest Collected		2.54		
Paid Treasurer			\$	905.81
	\$	18,341.41	\$	18,341.41

Sewer House Connection

Uncollected December 31, 1954	\$	4,077.81		
Committed 1955		8,774.41		
Interest Collected		14		
Paid Treasurer	\$		1,053.55	
Betterment Apportioned			3,024.40	
Uncollected December 31, 1955			8,774.41	
	\$	12,852.36	\$	12,852.36
Advance Payment Apportioned Sewer H. C.	\$	409.79		
Interest Collected		3.30		
Paid Treasurer			413.09	
	\$	13,265.45	\$	13,265.45

Moth Department

Committed 1955	\$	2,844.28		
Paid Treasurer	\$		2,074.60	
Abatement			23.00	
Added to 1955 Real Estate Taxes			746.68	
	\$	2,844.28	\$	2,844.28

Certificates

Certificates of Municipal Liens	\$	868.03		
Paid Treasurer			\$	868.03

Departmental Accounts

Departmental Tree Work	\$	815.45		
Tuition		66,235.36		
Sewer House Connection Acct.		930.81		
Public Welfare		10,957.33		
Old Age Assistance		94,674.44		
Snow Plowing		115.00		
Main Pipe Extension		29,647.70		
Miscellaneous Repairs		274.48		
Veteran's Service		5,908.63		
Aid to Dependent Children		7,452.74		
Public Health		608.38		
Paid Treasurer			\$	217,620.32
	\$	217,620.32	\$	217,620.32

Water Rates and Miscellaneous

Uncollected December 31, 1954	\$ 18,020.13	
Committed 1955	151,111.06	
Refunds	39.80	
Paid Treasurer		\$ 144,934.53
Abatements		71.20
Water Liens added to Taxes		1,966.86
Uncollected December 31, 1955		22,198.40
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	\$ 169,170.99	\$ 169,170.99

Recapitulation of Receipts

Taxes and Assessments	\$1,801,040.57	
Sewer Rentals	20,032.69	
Betterments	6,572.81	
Departmental Accounts	219,694.92	
Water Rates and Miscellaneous	144,934.53	
Certificates of Municipal Liens	868.03	
Paid Treasurer as per Treasurer's Receipts		\$2,193,143.55
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	\$2,193,143.55	\$2,193,143.55

WILLIAM E. MORRISON

Collector

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Year Ended December 31, 1955

The transactions in the General Cash Account, in summary form, were as follows:

Balance January 1, 1955	\$ 933,194.33
Receipts	4,688,289.36
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	\$5,621,483.69
Disbursements	4,537,317.66
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Balance December 31, 1955	\$1,084,166.03

Funded Debt

Outstanding January 1, 1955	\$3,113,000.00
Bonds and notes issued in 1955	125,000.00 \$3,238,000.00
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Bonds and notes paid in 1955	\$ 228,000.00
Outstanding December 31, 1955	3,010,000.00 \$3,238,000.00
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During 1955 there were no temporary loans in anticipation of revenue.

A more detailed statement of receipts and disbursements, and a condensed version of my annual report of the trust funds of the Town, are presented in the report of the Town Accountant.

PRESTON F. NICHOLS,

Treasurer

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Receipts and Expenditures

for the year ended

December 31, 1955

TOWN OF READING

BALANCE SHEET — DECEMBER 31, 1955

ASSETS

Cash:	
General	
Petty Cash Advances:	
Library	\$ 15.00
Light	400.00
Schools	218.00
Selectmen	50.00
Water	100.00
Welfare	50.00

Accounts Receivable:

Taxes:

Levy of 1954:

Poll	20.00
Personal	109.66
Real Estate	7,656.53

Levy of 1955:

Poll	144.00
Personal	3,300.63
Real Estate	49,957.96

LIABILITIES

Payroll Deductions:		\$ 15,194.92
Withholding Tax		2,034.75
Blue Cross		\$ 17,229.67
Tailings		414.28
Dog Licenses due County		46.80
Sporting Licenses due State		18.00
Overestimates:		
State Parks and Reservations	348.90	
Metropolitan Sewerage	627.35	
County T.B. Hospital	2,356.86	

Road Machinery Fund	23,502.30
Cemetery Sale of Lots & Graves Fund	12,278.77
Reserve for Petty Cash Advances	833.00
Trust Fund Income:	
Parker Hospital Fund	20,147.81
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund	10,105.00

Guarantee Deposits:	
Sewer House Connections	78.75
Light Customers Deposits	7,449.00

7,527.75

Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise:					
Levy of 1954	186.47			Recoveries:	1,199.42
Levy of 1955	5,454.91	5,641.38		Disability Assistance	4,949.55
				Old Age Assistance	6,148.97
Special Assessments:					
Moth 1954	2.00			Salvage Committee Fund	6,816.11
Moth 1955	57.18	59.18		Appropriation Balances Forward ...	175,618.40
				Overlay Surplus Reserve	94,706.48
Sewer Unapportioned	12,594.87			Overlay Reserved for Abatement of Taxes:	
Sewer 1954	15.02			Levy of 1954	7,786.19
Sewer 1955	76.84			Levy of 1955	20,979.88
Sewer Interest 1954	4.20				
Sewer Interest 1955	18.13	12,709.06		Revenues Reserved until Collected:	
				Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise	5,641.38
Sewer House Conn. Unappor.	8,774.41			Special Assessments	44,004.62
Sewer House Conn. 1954	7.77			Departmental	7,113.53
Sewer House Conn. 1955	74.60			Tax Titles	897.07
Sewer House Conn. Int. 1954 ...	2.80			Tax Possessions	3,150.71
Sewer House Conn. Int. 1955 ...	21.76	8,881.34		State and County Aid to Highways,	
				Chapter 90	22,500.00
Sidewalk Unapportioned	2,289.80			Water Rates and Liens	22,890.35
Sidewalk 1955	24.90			Light Rates, etc.	182,187.17
Sidewalk Int. 1955	7.49	2,322.19			
				Water Available Surplus	38,729.62
Highway Unapportioned	17,282.70			Sale of Real Estate	3,141.28
Highway 1954	28.37			Surplus Revenue	495,133.91
Highway 1955	86.33				
Highway Int. 1954	7.95				
Highway Int. 1955	18.65	17,424.00			
Sewer Rentals		2,608.85			

ASSETS

Departmental:

Health	220.00
Sewer House Conn.	478.52
Water Extension	1,314.60
Public Welfare	907.00
A.D.C. From State	2,642.22
O.A.A. — Other	197.95
Public Works	758.12
Tree and Moth	145.12
Veterans' Aid From State	450.00

7,113.53

Tax Titles	897.07
Tax Possessions	3,150.71
Aid to Highways, Chapter 90:	
State	14,500.00
County	8,000.00

22,500.00

Water:	
Rates, etc.	22,198.40
Liens added to taxes 1954	109.25
Liens added to taxes 1955	582.70

22,890.35

Light:	
Rates, etc.	182,187.17
Customers Deposits	7,449.00

189,636.17

County Tax, underestimated, 1955 ..

5,274.36

\$1,232,882.16

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LIABILITIES

NON-REVENUE ACCOUNTS

Cash	\$214,413.84	Sewer Constr. New High School	\$ 30,021.27
		New High School Construction	63,173.03
		Library Addition Construction	178.17
		Water Construction, Wells	262.62
		Water Construction, Standpipe	17,560.94
		Mun. Light Dept. — Regular Const.	48,459.72
		Mun. Light Dept. — Special Const.	54,758.09
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	\$214,413.84		\$214,413.84

DEFERRED ACCOUNTS

Apportioned Sewer Assts. not due ..	\$ 14,540.92	Appor. Sewer Assts. Rev. 1956-1974	\$ 14,540.92
Appor. Sewer H.C. Assts. not due	9,162.07	App. Sewer H.C. Assts. Rev. 1956-1974	9,162.07
Appor. Sidewalk Assts. not due	6,664.04	App. Sidewalk Assts. Rev. 1956-1974	6,664.04
Appor. Highway Assts. not due	60,475.67	App. Highway Assts. Rev. 1956-1974	60,475.67
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	\$ 90,842.70		\$ 90,842.70

DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt:		Inside Debt Limit:	
Inside Debt Limit	\$ 707,000.00	Sewer	1948 \$ 12,000.00
Outside Debt Limit	2,303,000.00	Sewer	1953 160,000.00
		School — Eaton	1948 325,000.00
		School — Senior High	1952 170,000.00
		Library	1949 40,000.00
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		Outside Debt Limit:	
		School — Pearl Street	1938 \$ 15,000.00
		School — Senior High	1952 1,700,000.00
		Light	1939 4,000.00
		Light	1949 50,000.00
		Light	1951 118,000.00
		Light	1953 120,000.00

Light	1955	125,000.00
Water	1948	3,000.00
Water	1948	6,000.00
Water	1949	7,000.00
Water	1950	35,000.00
Water	1952	120,000.00
		<hr/> 2,303,000.00

\$3,010,000.00

\$3,010,000.00

TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

Cash and Securities

\$636,777.99

Parker Hospital Fund	\$236,758.92
Grouard Hospital Fund	94,699.80
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund	160,150.35
Ethel E. Grant Fund	37,694.33
R.H.S. Scholarship Fund	5,393.86
Public Library Fund	1,054.33
Wadlin Library Fund	1,777.99
Tuttle Library Fund	603.19
Appleton Library Fund	5,507.88
Torrey Library Fund	1,099.14
Kenneth L. Brown Award	1,019.54
Post War Rehabilitation Fund	692.34
Stabilization Fund	90,326.32
	<hr/> \$636,777.99

\$636,777.99

CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT FUNDS

Cash

Investments

Accrued Interest

\$ 16,301.50

318,344.37

1,624.07

Annuity Savings Fund	\$233,051.30
Annuity Reserve Fund	46,431.28
Military Service Fund	3,769.75
Pension Fund	52,705.86
Expense Fund	311.75
	<hr/> \$336,269.94

\$336,269.94

CLASSIFIED STATEMENT OF FUNDED DEBT

Due	SEWER		SCHOOLS		LIBRARY		LIGHT		WATER		TOTAL	
	Prin.	Int.	Prin.	Int.	Prin.	Int.	Prin.	Int.	Prin.	Int.	Prin.	Int.
1956	\$ 24,000.00	\$ 3,990.00	\$ 140,000.00	\$ 48,837.50	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 39,000.00	\$ 8,909.25	\$ 23,000.00	\$ 2,817.50	\$ 236,000.00	\$ 65,054.25
1957	24,000.00	3,450.00	140,000.00	45,775.00	10,000.00	375.00	39,000.00	8,058.75	22,000.00	2,447.50	235,000.00	60,106.25
1958	24,000.00	2,910.00	140,000.00	42,712.50	10,000.00	250.00	39,000.00	7,208.25	22,000.00	2,095.00	235,000.00	55,175.75
1959	20,000.00	2,400.00	135,000.00	39,650.00	10,000.00	125.00	39,000.00	6,357.75	17,000.00	1,750.00	221,000.00	50,282.75
1960	20,000.00	1,920.00	135,000.00	36,675.00			38,000.00	5,507.25	17,000.00	1,487.50	210,000.00	45,589.75
1961	20,000.00	1,440.00	135,000.00	33,700.00			33,000.00	4,671.75	10,000.00	1,225.00	198,000.00	41,036.75
1962	20,000.00	960.00	135,000.00	30,725.00			32,000.00	3,966.25	10,000.00	1,050.00	197,000.00	36,701.25
1963	20,000.00	480.00	135,000.00	27,750.00			32,000.00	3,276.75	5,000.00	875.00	192,000.00	32,381.75
1964			135,000.00	24,775.00			17,000.00	2,587.25	5,000.00	787.50	157,000.00	28,149.75
1965			135,000.00	21,800.00			17,000.00	2,257.75	5,000.00	700.00	157,000.00	24,757.75
1966			135,000.00	18,825.00			12,000.00	1,972.00	5,000.00	612.50	152,000.00	21,409.50
1967			135,000.00	15,850.00			12,000.00	1,730.00	5,000.00	525.00	152,000.00	18,105.00
1968			135,000.00	12,875.00			12,000.00	1,488.00	5,000.00	437.50	152,000.00	14,800.50
1969			110,000.00	9,900.00			12,000.00	1,226.00	5,000.00	350.00	127,000.00	11,476.00
1970			110,000.00	7,425.00			12,000.00	984.00	5,000.00	262.50	127,000.00	8,671.50
1971			110,000.00	4,950.00			12,000.00	742.00	5,000.00	175.00	127,000.00	5,867.00
1972			110,000.00	2,475.00			5,000.00	520.00	5,000.00	87.50	120,000.00	3,082.50
1973							5,000.00	390.00			5,000.00	390.00
1974							5,000.00	260.00			5,000.00	260.00
1975							5,000.00	130.00			5,000.00	130.00
Total	\$172,000.00	\$17,550.00	\$2,210,000.00	\$424,700.00	\$40,000.00	\$1,250.00	\$417,000.00	\$62,243.00	\$171,000.00	\$17,685.00	\$3,010,000.00	\$523,428.00

RECEIPTS FOR 1955

General Revenue

Taxes

Current Year:

Poll	\$	8,452.00	
Personal		65,270.14	
Real Estate	1,470,888.46	\$1,544,610.60	

Previous Years:

Poll	\$	52.00	
Personal		2,434.02	
Real Estate	37,235.97	\$	39,721.99

Tax Titles Sold	\$	38.10	
Tax Title Redemptions	\$	1,740.17	

From the State:

Corporation Tax	\$	72,024.61	
Income Tax			
Valuation	\$	48,559.10	
Education	95,600.00	\$	216,183.71

Licenses

Board of Selectmen:

Amusement	\$	136.00	
Auctioneer		60.00	
Firearms		40.00	
Inn Holders		1.00	
Junk		30.00	
Lord's Day		115.00	
Parking		5.00	
Peddler		2.00	
Second-hand Articles		6.00	
Second-hand Autos		20.00	
Taxicab		17.00	
Theater		5.00	
Trucking		26.00	
Victualler		40.00	

Board of Health:

Frozen Desserts		10.00	
Kindergarten		11.00	
Offensive Trades		44.00	
Undertaker	7.00	\$	575.00

From the State:			
Peddlers			40.00
Permits			
Building	\$	1,075.00	
Marriage		232.00	
Plumbing		1,139.00	
Revolver		76.00	\$ 2,522.00
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Fines, Court			\$ 30.00
Grants and Gifts			
From the Federal Government:			
Old Age Assistance	\$	83,807.05	
Aid to Dependent Children		9,452.45	
Disability Assistance		5,691.53	
School Lunches		26,329.65	\$ 125,280.68
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From the State:			
School Construction Aid	\$	57,498.12	
Meals Tax		4,401.33	
Paraplegics		1,288.02	
Hurricane Relief		68.66	\$ 63,256.13
From the County:			
Dog Licenses			\$ 2,283.91
Special Assessments			
Moth and Tree	\$	710.50	
Sewer		5,026.00	
Sewer House Connections		4,138.89	
Sidewalk		2,882.73	
Highway		11,957.45	\$ 24,715.57
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Privileges			
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise			\$ 178,309.56
Departmental — General Government			
Selectmen:			
Advertising Hearings	\$	50.50	
Sale of Books			
Street Lists		385.35	
Valuation Lists .....		.70	
Zoning Laws		25.75	
Treasurer		42.27	
Collector		1,539.82	
Town Clerk:			
Mortgages		1,340.82	
Pole Locations		31.50	
Birth, Marriages and Death Certificates		191.75	
Dog License Fees		311.60	
Sporting License Fees		133.50	
Other Certificates and Permits		115.20	
Board of Appeals Hearings		110.00	4,278.76
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Protection of Persons and Property

Police Department:

Ambulance Fees	\$	1,468.00	
Bicycle Registrations		117.25	
Sealer of Weights and Measures		94.60	
Moth and Tree		2,890.05	\$ 4,569.90

Health and Sanitation

Tuberculosis, State Subsidy	\$	608.38	
Dental Clinic		488.00	
Inspector of Milk and Food		17.00	
Dog Clinic		412.50	
Sewer Rentals		19,874.29	
Sale of Books .....		.50	\$ 21,400.67

Highways

State and County Joint Constr., Chapt. 90	\$	4,282.55	
Snow & Ice Removal, State Reimbursement		115.00	
Road Machinery Departmental Charges		23,502.30	\$ 27,899.85

Charities

Reimbursement for Relief:

From Cities and Towns	\$	2,366.97	
From the State		4,033.93	

Reimbursement for A.D.C.:

From the State	\$	7,452.74	
Recovery		5,976.46	

Reimbursement for O.A.A.:

From Cities and Towns	\$	4,012.54	
From the State		90,661.90	
Recovery		5,208.40	

Rent from Girl Scouts

100.00

Reimbursement for Disability Assistance:

From the State	\$	4,598.32	
Recovery		1,199.42	\$ 125,610.68

Veterans Services

Reimbursement from the State, Relief	\$	5,908.63	
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Schools

Vocational Tuition, State and City Wards	\$	5,609.00	
Tuition, Other		60,626.36	
Sale of Textbooks and Supplies		1,106.98	
Cafeterias		70,297.85	
Athletics		4,507.26	\$ 142,147.45

Library

Fines	\$	1,440.85	
Interest on Funds for New Books		152.63	\$ 1,593.48

Unclassified

Sale of Real Estate	\$	575.00	
Light Dept. in Lieu of Taxes		74,894.36	
Damage Settlements		328.97	
Lease of Land		50.00	
Hurricane Reimbursements		127,984.67	
Sale of Supplies		9.60	
Reimbursement for Insurance:			
Sewer	\$	3,153.84	
School		603.97	
Light		10,070.29	
Water		3,516.19	\$ 221,186.89

Public Service Enterprises

Light Department:

Sale of Light and Power	\$1,247,960.37	
Mdse. and Jobbing	78,339.79	
Miscellaneous (Refunds)	7,562.61	\$1,333,862.77

Water Department:

Sale of Water	\$	114,098.81	
Services, Repairs, etc.		30,795.92	
Liens added to Taxes		1,439.56	
Main Pipe Extension		29,897.40	
Hydrant Repairs		24.78	\$ 176,256.47

Cemeteries

Sale of Lots and Graves	\$	2,893.75	
Care of Lots and Graves		7,871.33	
Care of Endowed Lots (Int. on Funds)		4,374.30	\$ 15,139.38

Interest

On Sewer Rentals	\$	26.15	
On Deferred Taxes		1,289.49	
On Special Assessments		4,200.05	
On Salvage Fund		181.53	
On Public Trust Funds:			
Parker Hospital Fund	\$	3,926.60	
Grouard Hospital Fund		2,130.10	
R.H.S. Scholarship Fund		142.50	
Torrey Library Fund		32.50	
Brown Scholarship Fund		12.50	
On Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund		2,579.15	
On Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise		128.16	
On Tax Title Redemptions		96.50	
On Loans, Accrued		63.75	\$ 14,808.98

Municipal Indebtedness		
Light Loan	\$	125,000.00
Premium, Light Loan	325.00 \$	125,325.00
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Agency, Trust and Investment		
Dog Licenses for County	\$	3,424.40
Sporting Licenses for State		1,635.00
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund		5,821.25
Withholding Taxes		154,250.18
Blue Cross — Blue Shield		21,977.00
Investment Fund Transactions	63,076.25 \$	250,184.08
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Refunds		
Departmental	\$	5,139.38
Taxes, Assts., Public Service Ent., etc.	13,669.57 \$	18,808.95
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Total		\$4,688,289.36

CLASSIFICATION OF EXPENDITURES

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General Government

Selectmen

Personal Services — Clerical \$ 1,388.00

Expense

Reimbursement for Expenses	\$	220.40	
Telephone		188.61	
Postage		91.53	
Towels		12.60	
Association Dues		69.00	
Printing, Stationery and Forms		147.76	
Annotated Laws		30.00	
Equipment		131.50	
Billfolds for Draftees		210.00	
Police Pistol Trophy		16.64	
Advertising Hearings		102.64	
Supplies		224.23	
Binding		12.00	
Miscellaneous	43.00 \$		1,499.91

Accountant

Personal Services

Accountant	\$	4,961.50	
Clerical	702.72 \$		5,664.22

Expense			
Postage and Stationery	\$	28.27	
Supplies and Equipment		272.04	
Association Dues		52.00	
Machine Service and Maintenance		98.94	
Travel Expense		137.00	
Miscellaneous		8.56	596.81
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Treasurer			
Personal Services			
Treasurer	\$	2,687.50	
Clerical		1,070.65	3,758.15
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Expense			
Postage	\$	830.73	
Stationery and Supplies		135.95	
Telephone		124.34	
Stencils and Filing Checks		170.48	
Machine Maintenance		60.50	
Towels		8.40	
Typewriter		182.50	
Miscellaneous		21.49	1,534.39
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Collector			
Personal Services			
Collector	\$	4,480.00	
Clerical		6,277.80	10,757.80
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Expense			
Books and Printing	\$	805.95	
Telephone		96.18	
Supplies and Equipment		223.92	
Postage		876.94	
Other		79.92	2,082.91
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Assessors			
Personal Services			
Assessors (3)	\$	4,050.00	
Clerical		6,173.95	10,223.95
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Expense			
Meetings	\$	154.19	
Auto Hire		78.00	
Telephone		138.02	
Supplies and Equipment		244.70	
Maps		373.50	
Printing and Forms		534.83	
Postage		166.60	
Registry of Deeds		442.17	
Other		88.35	2,220.36
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Town Counsel

Personal Services	\$	2,687.50	
Expense			
Stenographic Services	\$	1,358.25	
Court Costs and Witness Fees		31.55	
Telephone, Car Fares, Postage		250.30	
Stationery and Supplies		152.25	
Decisions and Annotated Laws		45.00	
Examination of Titles and Records		90.00	
Other		22.65	\$ 1,950.00

Town Clerk

Personal Services			
Town Clerk	\$	1,700.00	
Clerical		3,024.85	\$ 4,724.85
Expense			
Printing, Stationery and Supplies	\$	222.80	
Postage		97.80	
Telephone		158.38	
Association Dues		17.50	
Advertising and Notices		43.50	
Meetings		132.50	
Equipment		35.00	
Machine Service		12.10	
Binding		26.50	\$ 746.08

Registration

Personal Services			
Registrars	\$	300.00	
Assistant Registrars		2,426.77	
Clerk to Registrars		200.00	\$ 2,926.77
Expense			
Postage	\$	37.26	
Printing and Supplies		126.14	
Telephone		9.83	\$ 173.23

Election

Election Officers	\$	787.16
Hall Rent		75.00
Installing Booths and Wiring		155.00
Lunches		51.32
Printing Voters List, Ballots and Counters		92.50
Finance Committee Reports		453.50
Advertising and Posting Warrants		241.25
Supplies		346.50

New Ballot Box	71.50	
Ballot Box Repairs	33.59	
Town Meeting Officers	23.10	
Other	18.40 \$	2,348.82
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Board of Appeals		
Clerical	\$ 161.90	
Supplies	2.50	
Advertising Hearings	139.10	
Postage	19.27 \$	322.77
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Planning Board		
Dues	\$ 20.00	
Clerical	10.00	
Maps and Supplies	53.41	
Advertising Hearings	24.74	
Legal Fees	682.90 \$	791.05
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Capital Expenditures Planning Committee		
Printing Report	\$	180.69
Finance Committee		
Association Dues and Meetings	\$ 31.00	
Stationery and Printing	13.00 \$	44.00
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Personnel Board		
Association Dues and Meetings	\$	31.00
Municipal Building Maintenance		
Janitor	\$ 3,183.44	
Fuel	777.49	
Gas and Light	645.69	
Water and Sewer	54.85	
Rubbish Removal	49.60	
Supplies	665.85	
Summer Janitor	40.00	
Repairs to Buildings and Grounds	632.94	
Furniture	382.51	
New Outside Doors	224.25	
Outside Painting	526.00 \$	7,182.62
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Total General Government	\$	63,835.88
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Protection of Persons and Property		
Police Department		
Personal Services		
Chief	\$ 4,937.27	
Sergeants	12,634.73	
Patrolmen	72,798.11	
Special Work	1,314.12	
Clerks	2,291.90	
Janitor	1,155.00 \$	95,131.13
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Department Maintenance Expense

School Traffic Officers' Uniforms	\$	138.00	
Chief's Expense		194.18	
Gasoline Expense		2,115.96	
Radio Repairs		446.11	
Station Signals		42.86	
Gamewell System		78.90	
Bicycle Reg. Expense		36.77	
Revolver Permits		27.00	
Traffic Lights		898.80	
Traffic Signs and Lanes		1,819.08	
Automobile Repairs		611.31	
Automobile Tires		296.29	
Printing, Stationery and Supplies		408.41	
Telephone Expense		780.89	
Washing Cars		144.00	
Police Reserves		228.82	
Coats — Caps		405.09	
Police School		200.00	
Chains and Alcohol		6.24	
Grease and Oil		59.85	
Batteries		37.58	
Revolvers		146.55	
Target Practice		192.99	
All Others		661.13	\$ 9,976.81

Station Maintenance Expense

Water and Sewer	\$	76.25	
Electricity		300.58	
Fuel		497.21	
Repairs		1,440.39	
Janitor Supplies		133.15	
Laundry		94.60	\$ 2,542.18

Pensions	\$	9,287.54	
New Uniforms		1,255.71	
Station Wagon		1,500.00	
Cruising Cars (3)		3,076.00	

Fire Department

Personal Services

Chief	\$	4,937.50	
Deputy Chief		4,325.00	
Captain		4,131.25	
Lieutenants		7,912.50	
Privates		55,384.35	
Callmen		4,825.00	
Hurricane Adjustment		2,245.07	

\$ 83,760.67

Department Maintenance Expense

Chief's Expenses (Incl. travel out of State) \$	77.00	
Telephone	405.46	
Laundry	504.77	
Bedding, etc.	57.36	
Motor Apparatus Maintenance	2,940.40	
Gasoline and Oil	729.00	
Repairs, other equipment	173.61	
New Hose	784.00	
New Appliances	249.07	
Equipment and Supplies	859.28	
Equipment for Men	294.29	
Forest Fires	97.46	
Office Expenses	243.34	
Salary of Dispatcher	300.00	
All Others	433.18	
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	\$	8,148.22

Station Maintenance Expense

Central Station

Gas	\$	71.69	
Fuel		694.24	
Building Repairs		456.70	
Lighting		176.95	
Water and Sewer		128.69	
Supplies		408.24	
Furnishings		188.90	
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	\$	2,125.41	

Station No. 2, Woburn Street

Gas	\$	49.02	
Fuel		306.09	
Building Repairs		45.60	
Lighting		60.74	
Water and Sewer		14.00	
Supplies		50.80	
Salary of Steward		300.00	
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	\$	826.25	\$ 2,951.66

Pension	\$	1,375.00	
New Uniforms		433.75	

Fire Alarm Maintenance

Personal Services

Salary of Superintendent	\$	350.00	
Pay Rolls		1,599.99	\$ 1,949.99
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Department Expenses			
Truck Maintenance	\$	187.00	
Power for Fire Alarm and Police Signals		48.37	
Material, Supplies and Equipment		1,336.70	
Radio Maintenance		135.87	
New Fire Alarm Boxes		260.00	
Fire Alarm Boxes, new locations		70.00	
All Others		12.00	\$ 2,049.94
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Fire Alarm Extension			
Personal Services			
Pay Rolls	\$		999.17
Department Expenses			
Material Supplies and Equipment			599.62
Hydrant Rentals			6,270.00
Drinking Fountains			100.00
Tree and Moth Department			
Personal Services			
Tree Warden	\$	420.00	
Superintendent		4,231.00	
Laborers and Climbers		14,140.09	\$ 18,791.09
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Expense			
Fuel, Light, Water and Sewer	\$	148.46	
Printing and Advertising		67.50	
Postage		2.94	
Telephone		240.03	
Clerical		79.67	
Supplies		408.67	
Equipment Expense		1,934.10	
Trees		690.00	
Lead		967.68	
Insecticide		502.18	
Loam		105.00	
Car Expense		242.00	
Other		76.09	\$ 5,464.32
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Town Forest	\$		455.20
Dutch Elm Control			3,375.76
Mosquito Control			600.00
Inspector of Buildings			
Salary	\$		3,750.00
Expense			
Car	\$	300.00	
Telephone		97.56	
Membership Dues		7.00	
Printing and Supplies		47.73	\$ 452.29
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Inspector of Wires			
Salary		\$	700.00
Expense			
Car	\$	162.14	
Supplies		60.48	
Amprobe		59.50	\$ 282.12
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Sealer of Weights and Measures			
Salary		\$	700.00
Expense			
Car	\$	187.00	
Supplies		4.91	\$ 191.91
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Game Warden's Salary			105.00
Dog Officer			
Salary		\$	375.00
Expense			
Car	\$	80.61	
Telephone		170.28	
Light		8.62	
Fuel		60.72	
Supplies		59.71	
Other		15.00	\$ 394.94
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Traffic Control — Schools			2,310.00
Civil Defense			407.54
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Total Protection of Persons and Property		\$	269,762.56

Health and Sanitation

Board of Health

Personal Services

Two Doctors at \$125.00	\$	250.00	
Clerk		1,276.00	
Health Agent		675.00	
Plumbing Inspector		1,458.00	\$ 3,659.00

Expense

Telephone	\$	154.88	
Supplies		33.14	
Printing		32.50	
Animal Disposal		216.00	
Car		150.00	
Clerical, extra		45.00	
Meetings		33.60	
Other		23.11	\$ 688.23

Inspector of Animals	\$	400.00	
Inspector of Milk and Food			
Salary	\$	350.00	
Expense	50.00 \$	400.00	
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Care of Contagious Diseases	\$	3,381.56	
Premature Babies		521.60	
Garbage Collection		14,400.00	
Dental Clinic		2,848.76	
Child Welfare			
Doctor	\$	300.00	
Visiting Nurse Assn.	300.00 \$	600.00	
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Total Health and Sanitation	\$	26,899.15	

Public Works

Administration			
Pay Roll	\$	8,736.32	
Expense			
Telephone		469.88	
Supplies	1,159.65 \$	10,365.85	
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Engineering Division			
Pay Roll	\$	24,076.26	
Expense			
Supplies		1,888.92	
Auto Mileage	260.00 \$	26,225.18	
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Highway Department			
Pay Roll	\$	52,382.43	
Expense			
Machinery Rental		3,117.67	
Lights		194.39	
Phone		446.34	
Supplies		13,200.80	
Fuel Oil		1,241.36	
Curbing		710.85	
Sand, Gravel, Stone		718.66	
Tar Patch		3,673.60	
Asphalt		9,152.20	
Express/Freight		3.35	
Hired Equipment		3,390.23	
Other	367.52 \$	88,599.40	
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Chapter 90 Const. 1955			
Pay Roll	\$	4.80	
Expense	3.00 \$	7.80	
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Chapter 90 Maintenance

Pay Roll	\$	1,252.93	
Expense			
Machinery Rental		308.00	
Asphalt		1,230.93	
Sand/Stone		1,494.52	
Supplies		3.27	\$ 4,289.65

Chapter 90 Construction 1954 \$ 3,040.76

Snow and Ice Removal

Pay Roll	\$	6,799.17	
Expense			
Machinery Rental		1,072.02	
Plowing		556.84	
Supplies/Tools		1,421.07	
Calc. Chloride/Salt		1,584.75	
Sand		666.84	
Hired Equipment		994.73	
New Equipment		2,266.36	
Weather Advisers		156.00	
Miscellaneous		208.75	\$ 15,726.53

Maintenance Storm Drains

Pay Roll	\$	4,719.24	
Expense			
Supplies		460.59	
Machinery Rental		527.64	
Hired Equipment		801.00	
Cleaning Catch Basins		608.00	
New Equipment		2,337.63	\$ 9,454.10

Drainage Construction

Pay Roll	\$	6,343.63	
Expense			
Supplies and Tools		1,857.67	
Machinery Rental		1,412.14	
Pipe		4,650.14	
Manhole Covers/Frames		3,230.00	
Sand/Gravel/Brick		906.97	
Hired Equipment		4,506.05	
Advertising		99.82	\$ 23,006.42

Sidewalk Maint. and Const.

Pay Roll	\$	7,046.80	
Expense			
Supplies		2,295.37	
Machinery Rental		1,035.38	
Sand/Gravel/Loam/Seed		681.14	

Stonedust	96.29	
Hired Equipment	1,758.80	
Contract Payment	427.40 \$	13,341.18
Sewer Maintenance		
Pay Roll	\$ 4,269.20	
Expense		
Supplies	1,758.27	
Machinery Rental	138.00	
Light and Power	143.30	
Fuel Oil	243.60	
Insurance	840.57	
Interest on Bonds	4,530.00	
Water Works Assoc.	150.00	
Hired Equipment	203.28	
Express	4.20 \$	12,280.42
Sewer Construction		
Pay Roll	\$ 21,041.01	
Expense		
Supplies	1,577.16	
Pipe	564.35	
Hired Equipment	401.30	
Tar Patch	606.10	
Gravel/Sand/Stone	193.97	
Manhole Covers/Frames	977.50	
Machinery Rental	554.87	
Insurance	1,981.07	
Contract Payment	15,842.83 \$	43,740.16
Sewer House Connection		
Pay Roll	\$ 8,425.00	
Expense		
Supplies	3,167.69	
Machinery Rental	1,442.76	
Hired Equipment	226.00	
Pipe	217.50	
Manhole Covers	20.30	
Freight	11.35 \$	13,510.60
John Street Dump		
Pay Roll	\$ 5,600.00	
Expense		
Machinery Rental	808.06	
Rodent Extermination	225.00 \$	6,633.06

Park Department

Memorial Park

Pay Roll	\$	2,860.54	
Supplies		707.72	
Hired Equipment		915.45	\$ 4,483.71

Sturges Park ,

Payroll	\$	1000.76	
Lights		51.83	\$ 1,052.59

Commons

Pay Roll	\$	1,195.92	
Supplies		196.09	
Lights		42.73	\$ 1,434.74

Washington Street

Pay Roll	\$	1,907.33	
Supplies		503.39	\$ 2,410.72

Birch Meadow

Pay Roll	\$	1,429.74	
Lights		78.23	
Supplies		204.72	\$ 1,712.69

Miscellaneous

Pay Roll	\$	641.25	
Machinery Rental		1,240.05	
Supplies		1,127.42	\$ 3,008.72

Little League Park

Pay Roll	\$	515.67	
Supplies		106.64	
Machinery Rental		261.50	\$ 883.81

Water Department

Office Salaries	\$	3,048.19	
Office Supplies		374.59	
Machinery Rental		7,990.79	
Phone and Miscellaneous		567.35	
Water Works Convention		150.00	
Insurance		3,133.39	
Bonds and Interest		27,200.00	\$ 42,464.31

Pumping Station

Pay Roll	\$	2,835.02	
Phone		143.18	
Light and Power		8,449.66	

Express	2.00		
Supplies and Repairs	690.07		
Fuel Oil	102.86		
Weston and Sampson	225.00 \$	12,447.79	
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Filtration Plant			
Pay Roll	\$ 2,744.86		
Supplies	246.36		
Services	75.00		
Express	15.40 \$	3,081.62	
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Wells			
Pay Roll	\$ 1,522.18 \$	1,522.18	
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Garage			
Lights	\$ 36.53		
Phone	36.00		
Fuel Oil	396.30		
Supplies	172.35 \$	641.18	
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Meter Maintenance			
Pay Roll	\$ 5,165.55		
Supplies and Fittings	3,792.80		
Express/Freight	11.41		
New Meters	2,131.05 \$	11,100.81	
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Service Pipe Maintenance			
Pay Roll	\$ 19,943.97		
Supplies and Misc.	4,397.80		
Pipe	409.84		
Hired Equipment	57.00		
Range Oil	68.77 \$	24,877.38	
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Service Pipe Construction			
Pay Roll	\$ 8,074.42		
Supplies	11,584.69		
Pipe	5,341.88		
Hired Equipment	162.00		
Range Oil	208.06		
Express/Freight	22.23 \$	25,393.28	
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Main Pipe Maintenance			
Pay Roll	\$ 1,579.00		
Supplies	375.00		
Hired Equipment	13.64 \$	1,967.64	
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Main Pipe Construction

Pay Roll	\$	7,545.64	
Supplies		4,697.41	
Pipe		20,603.18	
Hired Equipment		309.95	
Express/Freight		13.91	\$ 33,170.09

Hydrant Maintenance and Construction

Pay Roll	\$	1,543.22	
Supplies		72.52	
New Hydrants		3,797.50	\$ 5,413.24

Miscellaneous

Pay Roll	\$	11,749.65	
Supplies		1,622.53	\$ 13,372.18

Cleaning Parking Area

Pay Roll	\$	960.00	
Expense			
Supplies		259.03	\$ 1,219.03

New High School Access Roads

Pay Roll	\$	962.96	
Expense			
Contract Payment		770.30	
Repairs/Supplies		10.89	
Machinery Rental		34.76	
Gravel		90.65	\$ 1,869.56

Road Machinery Operating Account

Water	\$	6,687.14	
Highway		10,418.81	
Sewer		714.39	
Drainage		202.41	
Snow and Ice		855.63	
Parks		233.50	
Maint. Storm Drains		188.49	
Engineering Division		122.34	
Dumps		19.08	
Board Public Works		93.54	
Birch Meadow Drive		267.84	
Hurricane Damage		56.23	
House Connection		16.94	
New Equipment		19,673.10	\$ 39,549.44

Pension

Pay Roll	\$	7,336.62	\$ 7,336.62
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South Street Relocation

Expense

Land Damages	\$	2,000.00	\$	2,000.00
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Two Field House Construction

Pay Roll	\$	910.09		
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Expense

Machinery Rental		102.00		
Gravel/Sand		17.65		
Supplies		170.26	\$	1,200.00

Street Betterments			\$	28,129.02
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Birch Meadow Drive

Pay Roll	\$	5,259.31		
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Expense

Machinery Rental		1,494.02		
Pipe		610.21		
Hired Equipment		9,342.07		
Supplies		2,328.53		
Gates/Frames		340.00		
Gravel/Sand		1,842.26		
Curbing		954.95	\$	22,171.35

Birch Meadow Tennis Courts — Resurfacing

Pay Roll	\$	29.95		
Resurfacing		1,570.05	\$	1,600.00

Street Lighting			\$	17,000.00
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Total Public Works			\$	582,727.81
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Charities and Aid

General Aid Administrative

Personal Services	\$	2,006.08		
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Expense

Office Supplies		32.39		
Building Maintenance		120.33		
Travel		44.05		
Postage		37.26		
Telephone		18.40		
Other		4.60	\$	2,263.11

General Aid

Cash Aid	\$	10,794.11		
Tewksbury State Hospital and Infirmary		883.83		
Nursing Homes		780.00		

Material Grants:

Fuel	\$	14.25	
Maintenance		608.00	
Hospital		89.76	
Medicine		248.84	
Doctors		166.00	
Optical		46.00	
Dental		188.00	
Burials		300.00	
Other		30.50	\$ 1,691.35

Payments to other cities and towns	6,386.10	\$	20,535.39
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Aid to Dependent Children Administrative

Personal Services	\$	4,777.35	
Building Maintenance		984.43	
Office Supplies and Equipment		118.63	
Travel Expense		151.42	
Stationery and Printing		29.25	
Postage		60.00	
Telephone		159.55	
Other		38.50	\$ 6,319.13

Aid to Dependent Children

Regular Cash Aid	\$	19,476.69
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Material Grants:

Doctors	\$	336.67	
Optical		67.50	
Medicine		318.72	
Dental		211.00	
Hospital		682.73	
Visiting Nurse		7.68	
Other	\$	19.50	\$ 1,643.80 \$ 21,120.49

Disability Assistance Administrative

Personal Services	\$	1,662.93	
Building Maintenance		96.07	
Office Supplies and Equipment		22.17	
Travel Expense		18.18	
Stationery and Printing		23.25	
Postage		15.00	
Telephone		74.00	
Other		10.60	\$ 1,922.20

Disability Assistance

Regular Cash Aid	\$	9,217.95
Tewksbury State Hospital and Infirmary		840.22

Material Aid:

Doctors	\$	270.90		
Optical		74.00		
Dental		4.00		
Medicine		774.56		
Nursing Homes		1,143.00		
Hospital		812.63		
Visiting Nurse		471.98		
Other		85.00	\$	3,636.07
				\$ 13,694.24

Old Age Assistance Administrative

Personal Services	\$	12,182.90		
Building Maintenance		428.67		
Office Supplies and Equipment		1,482.17		
Travel Expense		243.88		
Stationery and Printing		72.37		
Postage		117.25		
Telephone		231.96		
Miscellaneous		159.71	\$	14,918.91

Old Age Assistance

Expenditures:

Regular Cash Assistance	\$	118,158.93		
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Material Grants:

Doctors	\$	7,498.50		
Medicine		8,846.02		
Hospitals		5,668.57		
Nursing Homes		51,260.59		
Optical		844.51		
Dental		438.00		
Chiropodists		205.00		
Ambulance		184.00		
Visiting Nurse		481.92		
Other		935.70	\$	76,362.81

Payments on account of deceased persons:

Material Grants:

Doctors	\$	660.00		
Medicine		367.00		
Hospitals		1,889.03		
Visiting Nurse		57.60		
Ambulance		82.00		
Chiropodists		3.00		
Nursing Homes		1,662.31		
Burials		300.00	\$	5,020.94

Payments to other Cities and Towns	\$	3,743.08	\$	203,285.76
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Total Charities and Aid			\$	284,059.23
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Veterans Benefits

Administrative

Personal Services

Agent	\$	1,650.00	
Clerk		468.44	\$ 2,118.44

Expense

Car	\$	236.50	
Telephone		219.21	
Supplies		270.70	
Other		5.00	\$ 731.41

Aid

Cash Aid	\$	12,988.00	
Food		10.00	
Fuel		1,038.84	
Medicine		469.52	
Hospitals, Doctors		2,571.96	
Other		311.88	\$ 17,390.20

Total Veterans' Benefits \$ 20,240.05

Schools

Salaries

Supt., Clerks and Enf. of Law	\$	34,147.01	
Directors		24,366.64	
Misc. Salaries of Instruction		1,640.00	
Principals		27,912.47	
Teachers		487,179.52	
Janitors and Matrons		70,177.25	
Health		8,191.83	\$ 653,614.72

Maintenance

Supt. Office Expense	\$	1,075.72	
Research and Professional Study		297.45	
Printing		497.50	
Travel Expenses		262.09	
Prin. Office Expense		563.78	
Telephones		2,999.25	
Travel Expense — Enf. of Law		150.00	\$ 5,845.79

Instruction

Travel Expense of Directors	\$	658.97	
Textbooks and Supplementary Books		11,107.04	
Supplies — School		14,452.31	
Supplies — Shop		2,026.03	
Supplies — Domestic Science		934.42	
Film		484.92	
Physical Ed Equipment		1,832.55	
Tests		1,320.65	
Instructional Apparatus		6,045.83	
Express Charges		208.19	\$ 39,070.91

Operation of Plant

Fuel	\$	22,781.02	
Water and Sewer		1,523.18	
Electricity		8,997.39	
Gas		346.55	
Laundry and Summer Cleaning		295.03	
Ash Removal		456.89	
Exp. of Supr. of Blds. and Grounds		325.37	
Janitors Supplies		6,989.53	\$ 41,714.96

Maintenance of Plant

Grounds	\$	2,465.62	
Buildings		7,271.59	
Service System		810.43	
Plumbing and Heating		3,238.01	
Furniture Repair		62.23	\$ 13,847.88

Auxiliary Agencies

Library	\$	2,501.58	
Health Expenses		612.04	
Commencement		350.53	\$ 3,464.15

Capital Outlay

New Equipment and Furniture	\$	2,502.97	
Transportation		20,653.01	
Vocational Tuition		3,189.71	
Cafeterias		97,438.73	
Athletics		9,929.35	
Veteran's Pension		861.24	
Highland School Boiler Installation		14,451.18	
New Car		1,400.00	
1953 Bill		23.40	
School Plans and Surveys, Forest St.		6,893.00	
Birch Meadow Rough Grading		10,529.30	
Land Purchase, Birch Meadow Area		2,500.00	

Total Schools	\$	927,930.30	
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Library

Personal Services

Librarians	\$	7,851.72	
Clerical		3,455.31	
Janitor		2,524.00	\$ 13,831.03

Expense

Books and Periodicals	\$	4,401.90	
Fuel		777.40	
Binding and Repair		839.99	
Building Maintenance		954.81	
Printing and Supplies		366.16	
Service Contracts		209.20	
Telephone		170.23	
Light		83.80	
Water and Sewer		23.31	
Miscellaneous		64.40	\$ 7,891.20

Total Library		\$	21,722.23
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Unclassified

As in Appropriation and Expenditure Schedule		\$	115,925.85
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Light Department

Maintenance, Operation and Depreciation		\$1,306,861.96
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Cemeteries

Personal Services

Superintendent	\$	4,604.88	
Clerical		1,268.80	
Labor		17,935.44	\$ 23,809.12

Expense

Office Maintenance and Supplies	\$	874.15	
Shop Maintenance		219.23	
Trucks and Tools Maintenance		724.78	
New Tools and Equipment		588.73	
Fertilizer, Seed Loam, Cement, Water, etc.		911.72	
Flowers for Perpetual & Annual Care Lots		95.00	
Grave Liners		1,197.95	
Repairs of Hurricane Damage		55.25	
Repairs on Forest Glen House		32.86	
Repairs to Walls and Avenues		378.00	
Cemetery Development		348.00	
Miscellaneous		564.06	\$ 5,989.73

Care of Soldiers' Graves		\$	1,112.87
Land Purchase			54.00

Total Cemeteries		\$	30,965.72
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Municipal Indebtedness

Interest:

School Loan, Pearl St.	\$	350.00	
School Loan, Eaton		7000.00	
School Loan, Senior High		44,550.00	
Library Addition Loan		625.00	\$ 52,525.00

Maturing Debt:

Sewer Loan, 1948	\$	4,000.00	
Sewer Loan, 1953		20,000.00	
School Loan, Pearl St.		5,000.00	
School Loan, Eaton		25,000.00	
School Loan, Senior High		110,000.00	
Library Addition Loan		10,000.00	\$ 174,000.00

Total Municipal Indebtedness	\$	226,525.00
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Agency, Trust and Investment

As in Appropriation and Expenditure Schedule	\$	308,643.87
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Non-Revenue Accounts

New High School Construction	\$	222,369.55	
New High School Sewer Construction		13,133.28	
Water Construction, Wells		13.96	
Lights Construction, Regular		37,646.39	
Light Construction, Special		59,245.92	\$ 332,409.10

Refunds

Taxes, Assessments, Public Service Enterprise	\$	13,669.57	
Departmental		5,139.38	\$ 18,808.95
Total Expenditures in 1955			\$4,537,317.66

APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

	Balance from 1954	Appropriated 1955	Other Credits	Transfers	Payments	Balance
General Government						
Selectmen's Clerical	\$	1,404.00		\$	1,388.00	\$ 16.00
Selectmen's Expense		1,500.00			1,499.91	.09
Town Accountant's Salary		4,961.50			4,961.50	—
Town Accountant's Clerical		702.72			702.72	—
Town Accountant's Expense		600.00			596.81	3.19
Treasurer's Salary		2,687.50			2,687.50	—
Treasurer's Clerical		1,100.00			1,070.65	29.35
Treasurer's Expense		1,625.00			1,534.39	90.61
Collector's Salary		4,480.00			4,480.00	—
Collector's Clerical		6,277.80			6,277.80	—
Collector's Expense		2,100.00			2,082.91	17.09
Assessors' Salaries		4,050.00			4,050.00	—
Assessors' Clerical		6,196.30			6,173.95	22.35
Assessors' Expense		2,715.00			2,220.36	494.64
Town Counsel's Salary		2,687.50			2,687.50	—
Town Counsel's Expense		1,750.00	\$ 200.00		1,950.00	—
Town Clerk's Salary		1,700.00			1,700.00	—
Town Clerk's Clerical		3,171.60			3,024.85	146.75
Town Clerk's Expense		750.00			746.08	3.92
Registrars' Salaries		500.00			500.00	—
Registrars' Expense		2,600.00			2,600.00	—
Election and Registration Expense		2,000.00	350.00		2,348.82	1.18
Board of Appeals Expense		350.00			322.77	27.23
Capital Exp. Planning Com. Expense		300.00			180.69	119.31
Planning Board Expense		700.00			108.15	591.85

	Balance Appropriated from 1954	1955	Other Credits	Transfers	Payments	Balance
Planning Board Legal Expense, Art. 23 ...		700.00			682.90	17.10
Finance Committee Expense		100.00			44.00	56.00
Personnel Board Expense		50.00			31.00	19.00
Municipal Building Janitor		3,168.80	14.64		3,183.44	—
Municipal Building Maintenance		4,000.00			3,999.18	.82
	\$	64,927.72	\$	564.64	\$	63,835.88
						1,656.48
Protection of Persons and Property						
Police Department Salaries	\$	95,251.12			\$	93,976.13
Police Dept. Pensions		9,888.36				600.82
Police Dept. Maintenance		10,170.00				193.19
Police Station Maintenance		2,593.00				50.82
Police New Uniforms, Art. 15	\$	351.70				345.99
Police Station Janitor's Salary		1,200.00				45.00
New Station Wagon, Art. 10		1,500.00				—
New Cruising Car, No. 1, Art. 11		700.00				—
New Cruising Car, No. 2, Art. 12		700.00				—
Cruising Car Replacement			1,700.00			—
Fire Dept. Salaries		79,444.82				24.00
Fire Dept. Callmen Salaries		5,400.00				509.15
Fire Dept. Pensions		1,375.00				575.00
Fire Dept. Maintenance		8,150.00				—
Fire Stations Maintenance		2,955.00				1.78
Fire Alarm Maintenance Salaries		1,450.00	\$	500.00		3.34
Fire Alarm Maintenance Expense		2,550.00				.01
Fire Alarm Extension Salaries		1,000.00		\$	500.00	.06
Fire Alarm Extension Expense		600.00				.83
						.38

New Uniforms, Art. 16	521.64	550.00	433.75	637.89
Rebuilding Hose 2 Firehouse Study	1,000.00		—	1,000.00
New Two-way Radio, Art. 17		500.00	—	500.00
Fire Alarm Exten. to No. Reading, Art. 18		1,000.00	—	1,000.00
Tree and Moth Dept. Salaries	19,489.48		18,791.09	698.39
Tree and Moth Dept. Expense	5,480.00		5,464.32	15.68
Town Forest, Art. 19	525.79	500.00	455.20	570.59
Town Forest Land Purchase, Art. 62		100.00	—	100.00
Dutch Elm Control, Art. 21	1,375.76	2,000.00	3,375.76	—
Mosquito Control, Art. 60		600.00	600.00	—
Hydrant Rentals		6,270.00	6,270.00	—
Drinking Fountains		100.00	100.00	—
Inspector of Buildings Salary		3,750.00	3,750.00	—
Inspector of Buildings Expense		455.00	452.29	2.71
Inspector of Wires Salary		700.00	700.00	—
Inspector of Wires Expense		300.00	282.12	17.88
Sealer of Weights and Measures Salary		700.00	700.00	—
Sealer of Weights and Measures Expense		250.00	191.91	58.09
Dog Officer's Salary		375.00	375.00	—
Dog Officer's Expense		400.00	394.94	5.06
Game Warden's Salary		105.00	105.00	—
Traffic Control		2,500.00	2,310.00	190.00
Civil Defense	4,189.00		407.54	3,781.46
	\$ 7,963.89 \$	272,301.78 \$	500.00 \$	269,762.56 \$
			2,200.00 \$	12,203.11

Health and Sanitation

Board of Health Salaries	\$ 1,526.00	\$ 1,526.00	—
Board of Health Expense	700.00	688.23 \$	11.77
Health Officer's Salary	675.00	675.00	—

	Balance Appropriated from 1954	1955	Other Credits	Transfers	Payments	Balance
Inspector of Plumbing Salary		1,458.00			1,458.00	—
Inspector of Animals Salary		400.00			400.00	—
Inspector of Milk and Food Salary		350.00			350.00	—
Inspector of Milk and Food Expense		50.00			50.00	—
Care of Contagious Diseases		4,000.00			3,381.56	618.44
Premature Babies		1,000.00			521.60	478.40
Garbage Collection		14,400.00			14,400.00	—
Dental Clinic		2,850.00			2,848.76	1.24
Child Welfare, Art. 66		600.00			600.00	—
	\$	28,009.00		\$	26,899.15	\$ 1,109.85
Public Works						
Administrative Salaries	\$	8,736.32		\$	8,736.32	—
Administrative Expense		1,750.00			1,629.53	120.47
Pensions		7,364.52			7,336.62	27.90
Engineering Division Salaries		24,752.80			24,076.26	676.54
Engineering Division Expense		2,160.00			2,148.92	11.08
Highway Maint. and Oper. Salaries		54,376.50			52,382.43	1,994.07
Highway Maint. and Oper. Expense		36,550.00			36,216.97	333.03
Chap. 90 Const., Art. 32, 1953	\$	1,274.41		\$	1,274.41	—
Chap. 90 Const., Art. 34, 1954		6,374.72			3,333.96	—
Chap. 90 Const., Art. 51, 1955		1,891.63	\$ 24,108.37		7.80	25,992.20
Chap. 90 Maint., Art. 52, 1955		1,500.00	3,000.00		4,289.65	210.35
Snow and Ice Removal Salaries		9,900.00			6,799.17	3,100.83
Snow and Ice Removal Expense		10,756.00			8,927.36	1,828.64
Sewer Maint. & Oper. Salaries		7,000.00			4,269.20	2,730.80
Sewer Maint. & Oper. Expense		8,230.00			8,011.22	218.78

Sewer Extension Salaries	19,000.00	2,041.01	21,041.01	—
Sewer Extension Expense	21,000.00	1,699.15	22,699.15	—
Sewer House Connection Salaries	7,000.00	2,500.00	8,425.00	1,075.00
Sewer House Connection Expense	4,600.00	500.00	5,085.60	14.40
Maintenance of Storm Drains Salaries	7,750.00		4,719.24	2,030.76
Maintenance of Storm Drains Expense	4,250.00	1,000.00	4,734.86	515.14
Drainage Construction Salaries	18,000.00		6,343.63	11,656.37
Drainage Construction Expense	22,000.00		16,662.79	4,437.21
Sidewalk Constr. and Maint. Salaries	12,000.00		7,046.80	4,953.20
Sidewalk Constr. and Maint. Expense	7,500.00		6,294.38	1,205.62
John St. Dump Wages	5,600.00		5,600.00	—
John St. Dump Expense	1,100.00		1,033.06	66.94
Park Dept. Salaries	16,000.00		9,551.21	6,448.79
Park Dept. Expense	9,325.00		5,435.77	3,889.23
Parking Areas Cleaning Wages, Art. 54	960.00		960.00	—
Parking Areas Cleaning Expense	320.00		259.03	60.97
Water Dept. Salaries	55,500.00	10,700.00	65,751.70	—
Water Dept. Expense	62,500.00	20,000.00	82,500.00	—
Water Debt and Interest	27,200.00		27,200.00	—
Water Dept. Garage	23,930.97		—	23,930.97
Road Machinery Fund	23,448.30	23,502.30	—	23,502.30
Road Machinery Oper. Acct., Art. 50		23,448.30	39,549.44	.56
New High School Access Roads, Art. 31, 1953	37,561.60			
Street Lighting	17,000.00		1,869.56	9,843.04
John Carver Rd. Bett. Sals.	378.57		17,000.00	—
John Carver Rd. Bett. Exp.	25.45		—	378.57
Overlook Rd. Bett. Sals.	403.71		—	25.45
Overlook Rd. Bett. Exp.	149.35		—	403.71
Glenmere Circle Bett. Sals.		4,618.50	—	149.35
			4,591.50	27.00

	Balance Appropriated from 1954	1955	Other Credits	Transfers	Payments	Balance
Glenmere Circle Bett. Exp.			3,900.00		3,889.32	10.68
Lothrop Rd. Bett. Sal.			7,106.00		2,411.11	4,694.89
Lothrop Rd. Bett. Exp.			5,500.00		3,609.72	1,890.28
Jere Rd. Bett. Sals.			857.00		—	857.00
Jere Rd. Bett. Exp.			700.00		436.90	263.10
Batchelder Rd. Bett. Sals.			4,660.00		4,481.14	178.86
Batchelder Rd. Bett. Exp.			3,800.00		3,800.00	—
Bolton St. Bett. Sals.			3,195.21		2,434.94	760.27
Bolton St. Bett. Exp.			2,600.00		2,467.39	132.61
Birch Meadow Tennis Courts Resurfacing, Art. 48			1,600.00		1,600.00	—
South St. Relocation, Art. 38		2,500.00			2,000.00	500.00
Two Field Houses Const., Art. 49		1,200.00			1,200.00	—
Mineral St. Bridge Repairs, Sals., Art. 39		900.00			—	900.00
Mineral St. Bridge Repairs, Exp., Art. 39		300.00			—	300.00
Birch Meadow Skating Area, Art. 36			6,200.00		—	6,200.00
Birch Meadow Drive Const., Art. 41			34,100.00		22,171.35	11,928.65
	\$ 93,867.08 \$	514,254.47 \$	191,335.84 \$	56,253.97 \$	582,727.81 \$	160,475.61

Charities and Aid

General Aid Adm. Salaries	\$ 2,108.00			\$	2,006.08 \$	101.92
General Aid Adm. Expense	760.00				257.03	502.97
General Aid	25,500.00			10.41	20,535.39	4,954.20
Aid to Dep. Children, Adm.	5,000.00				4,577.18	422.82
Aid to Dep. Children, Aid	15,500.00 \$		1,619.06		12,337.72	4,781.34
A.D.C. Federal Grants, Adm.	341.12		1,639.55		1,741.95	238.72

A.D.C. Federal Grants, Aid	969.87	10,178.15	8,782.77	2,365.25
Disability Assistance, Adm.	1,500.00		1,286.28	213.72
Disability Assistance, Aid	8,500.00		8,500.00	—
D. A. Federal Grants, Adm.	233.77	671.39	635.92	269.24
D. A. Federal Grants, Aid	409.12	5,020.14	5,194.24	235.02
Old Age Assistance, Adm.		100.00	4,764.76	2,835.24
Old Age Assistance, Aid		3,540.96	2.00	122,991.61
O.A.A. Federal Grants, Adm.	1,183.50	9,028.28	10,154.15	57.63
O.A.A. Federal Grants, Aid	6,363.33	74,914.72	80,294.15	983.90
\$	9,500.71 \$	185,868.00 \$	12.41 \$	284,059.23 \$
				17,961.97

Veterans' Benefits

Administrative Salaries	\$	2,118.44	\$	2,118.44	—
Administrative Expense		750.00		731.41 \$	18.59
Aid		15,000.00 \$		17,390.20	609.80
	\$	17,868.44 \$	\$	20,240.05 \$	628.39

Education - Schools

General Salaries	\$	664,307.79	\$	653,614.72 \$	10,693.07
General Maintenance		111,848.80		106,446.66	5,402.14
Transportation		24,466.00		20,653.01	3,812.99
Cafeterias	\$	11,377.00	\$	97,438.73	10,565.77
Athletics	1,172.29	4,500.00	9,929.35	250.20	
Vocational Tuition		4,000.00	3,189.71	810.29	
Veteran's Pension		3,450.00	861.24	2,588.76	
Highland School Boiler Installation, Art. 5		12,488.43	14,451.18	4.25	
New Car, Art. 30		1,730.17	1,400.00	400.00	
Unpaid 1953 Bill, Art. 34		23.40	23.40	—	

	Balance Appropriated from 1954	1955	Other Credits	Transfers	Payments	Balance
School Plans & Surveys, Forest St., Art. 32		9,986.17	13.83		6,893.00	3,107.00
Birch Meadow Finish Grading, Art. 28 ...		61,000.00	\$	61,000.00	—	—
Birch Meadow Rough Grading, Art. 27 ...			24,600.00	14,070.70	10,529.30	—
School Land Purchase, Birch Meadow Area, Art. 35			2,500.00		2,500.00	—
	\$ 12,549.29	\$ 897,800.76	\$ 130,285.42	\$ 75,070.70	\$ 927,930.30	\$ 37,634.47
Public Library						
Salaries	\$ 13,875.72			\$	13,831.03	44.69
Maintenance	7,740.00	\$	152.63		7,891.20	1.43
	\$ 21,615.72	\$	152.63	\$	21,722.23	46.12
Unclassified						
Recreation — Playgrounds, Sals., Art. 58	\$	5,350.00		\$	5,127.00	223.00
Recreation — Playgrounds, Exp., Art. 58		1,650.00			1,508.36	141.64
Insurance		30,500.00	19,449.22		49,924.34	24.88
Memorial Day Observance		1,960.00			1,936.62	23.38
Damage Claims			372.10		372.10	—
Damage Claims, Conant, Art. 59		2,500.00			2,500.00	—
Care and Lighting Old South Clock		200.00			125.70	74.30
Printing Town Report		1,750.00	240.00		1,990.00	—
Printing Street List		900.00			781.95	118.05
Aid to Agriculture, Art. 67		100.00			100.00	—
Parking Areas Maintenance		400.00			356.63	43.37
Legion Quarters Rent, Art. 64		1,500.00			1,500.00	—
V.F.W. Quarters Rent, Art. 65		660.00			660.00	—

Contributory Retirement Fund — Pension	38,172.00	38,172.00	—
Contributory Retirement Fund — Expense	1,400.00	1,400.00	—
Contrib. Retirement Fund—Military Serv.	23.26	23.26	—
Land Court Expense, Art. 6	200.00	—	200.00
Recording Fees — Reg. of Deeds	100.00	100.00	—
Old High School Bldg. Maint.	5,497.47	2,677.19	2,820.28
Birch Meadow Area Study, Art. 7, 1954 ...	2,200.00	2,035.00	165.00
Hurricane Relief		43,613.05	3,636.20
Christmas Lighting, Art. 63	1,000.00	39,976.85	.50
Reserve Fund		25,000.00	999.50
		11,731.67	13,268.33
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		51,708.52 \$	115,925.85 \$
		88,674.37 \$	17,102.73

Light Department

Maintenance		\$1,362,215.55 \$	123,499.87 \$1,238,715.68
Depreciation	\$ 65,320.26	112,302.17	68,146.28 \$ 109,476.15
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	\$ 65,320.26	\$1,474,517.72 \$	123,499.87 \$1,306,861.96 \$ 109,476.15

Cemeteries

Salaries	\$	21,000.00 \$	2,900.00	\$ 23,809.12 \$	90.88
Maintenance		2,500.00	3,561.43 \$	65.00	5,989.73
Care of Soldiers' Graves, Art. 20		1,200.00		87.13	1,112.87
Cemeteries Land Purchase	14.00			14.00	—
Cemeteries Land Purchase, Art. 17, 1955			65.00	40.00	25.00

Municipal Indebtedness

Interest, not incl. Sewer, Light & Water ..	\$	14.00 \$	24,700.00 \$	6,526.43 \$	152.13 \$	30,965.72 \$	122.58
Maturing Debt, not incl. Light & Water ..	\$	53,775.00	\$	1,250.00 \$	52,525.00	—	—
		174,000.00		174,000.00	174,000.00	—	—
		—		—	—	—	—
	\$	227,775.00	\$	1,250.00 \$	226,525.00	—	—

	Balance Appropriated from 1954	1955	Other Credits	Transfers	Payments	Balance
Agency, Trust and Investment						
Dog Licenses due County	\$ 87.00		\$ 3,424.40		\$ 3,464.60	\$ 46.80
Sporting License due State	50.00		1,635.00		1,667.00	18.00
Parker Hospital Fund — Income	2,768.66		3,966.60		3,587.45	3,147.81
Parker Hospital Fund — Transactions			27,000.00		10,000.00	17,000.00
Grouard Hospital Fund — Income			2,130.10		2,130.10	—
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund:						
Bequests	59.10		5,821.25		5,775.35	105.00
Interest			2,579.15		2,579.15	—
R.H.S. Scholarship Fund			242.50		242.50	—
Kenneth L. Brown Award Fund			1,012.50		1,012.50	—
Torrey Library Fund			32.50		32.50	—
Premium on Loans			325.00		325.00	—
Tailings	445.08				30.80	414.28
Withholding Tax	14,401.79		154,250.18		153,457.05	15,194.92
Blue Cross — Blue Shield	1,783.20		21,977.00		21,725.45	2,034.75
Salvage Account	6,770.94		181.53		136.36	6,816.11
State Parks and Reservations			2,899.00		2,550.10	348.90
Audit Municipal Accounts			3,027.42		3,027.42	—
Audit Retirement System			83.15		83.15	—
Metropolitan Sewerage			27,816.92		27,189.57	627.35
County Tax			49,090.00		54,364.36	(5,274.36)
County T.B. Hospital			17,620.32		15,263.46	2,356.86
	\$ 26,365.77		\$ 325,114.52		\$ 308,643.87	\$ 42,836.42

Non-Revenue Accounts

New High School Construction	\$ 210,221.88				\$ 222,369.55	\$ 63,173.03
New High School Sewer Construction	43,154.55				13,133.28	30,021.27
Water Construction — Wells	276.58				13.96	262.62
Light Construction — Regular	37,874.67				37,646.39	48,459.72
Light Construction — Special					59,245.92	54,758.09
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	\$ 291,527.68				\$ 332,409.10	\$ 196,674.73

Refunds

Taxes, Assessments, Pub. Ser. Ent., etc.					\$ 13,669.57	
Departmental					5,139.38	
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					\$ 18,808.95	
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TOTALS	\$ 514,806.15	\$2,343,486.15	\$2,596,397.56	\$ 319,443.59	\$4,537,317.66	\$ 597,928.61
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REPORT OF THE CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT BOARD

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The total active membership of the Contributory Retirement System on December 31, 1955 was two hundred and fifty-five.

The following is the financial statement for the year ending December 31, 1955:

Cash

Balance January 1, 1955	\$ 8,534.72
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Receipts

1955 Receipts:

Investments	\$ 21,000.00
Invested Income	8,049.80
Contributions by members	36,421.60
From City of Melrose	93.56
Additional payments	6,194.36
Refunds	2,168.40

Appropriated by Town:

Pension Fund	38,172.00
Expense Fund	1,400.00
Military Service Credits	23.26

113,522.98

\$122,057.70

Expenditures

1955 Payments:

Investments	\$ 46,464.99
Expenses	1,418.53
Annuities	4,272.00
Pensions	46,846.43
Refunds to members	6,754.25

\$105,756.20

Balance December 31, 1955	16,301.50
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\$122,057.70

Assets

Cash, Middlesex County Nat. Bank, Reading	16,301.50
Deposits on interest	15,000.00
Paid-Up Cooperative Shares	66,000.00
Federal Loan and Savings	8,618.37
U. S. Savings Bonds	214,000.00
Accrued interest on investments	1,624.07
Stocks	14,726.00

\$336,269.94

Liabilities

Annuity Savings	233,051.30	
Annuity Reserve	46,431.28	
Pension Fund	52,705.86	
Special Military Service	3,769.75	
Expense Fund	311.75	
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		\$336,269.94
Contributory Retirement Board		
DONALD C. MITCHELL, Chairman		
BOYD H. STEWART, Secretary		
ARTHUR C. ALDRICH		

STATEMENT OF TRUST FUNDS

Gilman L. Parker Hospital Fund

Balance January 1, 1955			\$232,530.64
Receipts:			
Income from U.S. Savings Bonds	\$	2,825.00	
Income from Savings Banks		2,680.73	
Income from Stock and Co-op. Bank Paid-up Shares		1,081.60	
Reimbursement		20.00	6,607.33
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Principal from Estate of Gilman L. Parker			40.00
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			\$239,177.97
Disbursements:			
Hospital Bills	\$	2,409.05	
Safe Deposit Rent		10.00	\$ 2,419.05
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Balance, December 31, 1955			\$236,758.92
Invested as Follows:			
Savings Banks	\$	95,531.67	
U.S. Savings Bonds		91,000.00	
First National Bank of Boston, 108 Shares		4,066.44	
Co-op Bank Paid-up Shares, 130		26,000.00	
Home Bleach & Dye Works, Pfd., 2 Shares		11.00	
Sharpe Mfg. Co., Preferred, 55 Shares		1.00	
Sharpe Mfg. Co., Common, 20 Shares		1.00	
In General Cash		20,147.81	
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			\$236,758.92

Anne S. Grouard Hospital Fund

Balance, January 1, 1955		\$ 92,334.60
Receipts:		
Income from Savings Banks	\$ 235.10	
Income from Co-op. Bank Paid-up Shares	65.00	
Income from U.S. Savings Bonds	2,065.10	2,365.20
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Balance, December 31, 1955		\$ 94,699.80
Invested as Follows:		
Savings Banks	\$ 10,199.80	
Co-operative Bank Paid-up Shares	2,000.00	
U.S. Savings Bonds	82,500.00	
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		\$ 94,699.80

Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds

Balance, January 1, 1955		\$154,400.62
Receipts:		
Bequests	\$ 5,821.25	
Income from Savings Bank	1,723.63	
Income from Securities	2,579.15	10,124.03
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		\$164,524.65
Disbursements:		
For work on Endowed Lots		<hr/>
		4,374.30
Balance, December 31, 1955		<hr/>
		\$160,150.35
Invested as Follows:		
Savings Banks	\$ 62,045.35	
Co-operative Bank Paid-up Shares	20,000.00	
U.S. Savings Bonds	68,000.00	
In General Cash	10,105.00	
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		\$160,150.35

Public Library Fund

Balance, January 1, 1955	\$ 1,072.92
Receipts — Income from Savings Bank	30.92
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	\$ 1,103.84
Withdrawal for Books	49.51
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Balance, December 31, 1955, in Savings Bank	\$ 1,054.33

Horace G. Wadlin Library Fund

Balance, January 1, 1955	\$ 1,828.96
Receipts — Income from Savings Bank	52.15
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	\$ 1,881.11

Withdrawal for Books		103.12
Balance, December 31, 1955, in Savings Bank	\$	1,777.99
Donald N. Tuttle, Jr. Library Fund		
Balance, January 1, 1955	\$	588.40
Receipts — Income from Savings Bank		14.79
Balance, December 31, 1955, in Savings Bank	\$	603.19
Edward Appleton Library Fund		
Balance, January 1, 1955	\$	5,333.16
Receipts — Income from Savings Bank		174.72
Balance, December 31, 1955, in Savings Bank	\$	5,507.88
Charles Torrey Library Fund		
Balance, January 1, 1955	\$	1,064.96
Receipts — Income from Savings Bank		34.18
Balance, December 31, 1955, in Savings Bank	\$	1,099.14
R.H.S. Scholarship Fund		
Balance, January 1, 1955	\$	5,348.78
Receipts — Income from Savings Banks		145.08
	\$	5,493.86
Paid for Scholarship		100.00
Balance, December 31, 1955, in Savings Banks ..	\$	5,393.86
Ethel E. Grant Fund		
Balance, January 1, 1955	\$	36,633.57
Receipts — Income from Savings Bank		1,060.76
Balance, December 31, 1955, in Savings Bank	\$	37,694.33
Kenneth L. Brown Award Fund		
Received from Donor		\$ 1,000.00
Bond Income	\$	10.39
Savings Bank Income .....		.09
Bond Discount	34.06	44.54
		\$ 1,044.54
Paid Student Award		25.00
Balance, December 31, 1955	\$	1,019.54
Invested as Follows:		
U.S. Treas. Bond, 2½%, 9/15/72 — 67	\$	1,000.00
Mechanics Savings Bank		19.54
		\$ 1,019.54

Post War Rehabilitation Fund

Balance, January 1, 1955	\$ 675.36
Receipts — Income from Savings Bank	16.98
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Balance, December 31, 1955, in Savings Bank	\$ 692.34

Stabilization Fund

Balance, January 1, 1955	\$ 87,707.81
Receipts — Income from Savings Banks	2,618.51
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Balance, December 31, 1955, in Savings Banks ..	\$ 90,326.32

I hereby certify that in accordance with the provisions of Section 53, Chapter 41 of the General Laws, I have audited the accounts of the Commissioners of Trust Funds, and report the foregoing to be a true and accurate statement as of December 31, 1955.

BOYD H. STEWART,

Town Accountant

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